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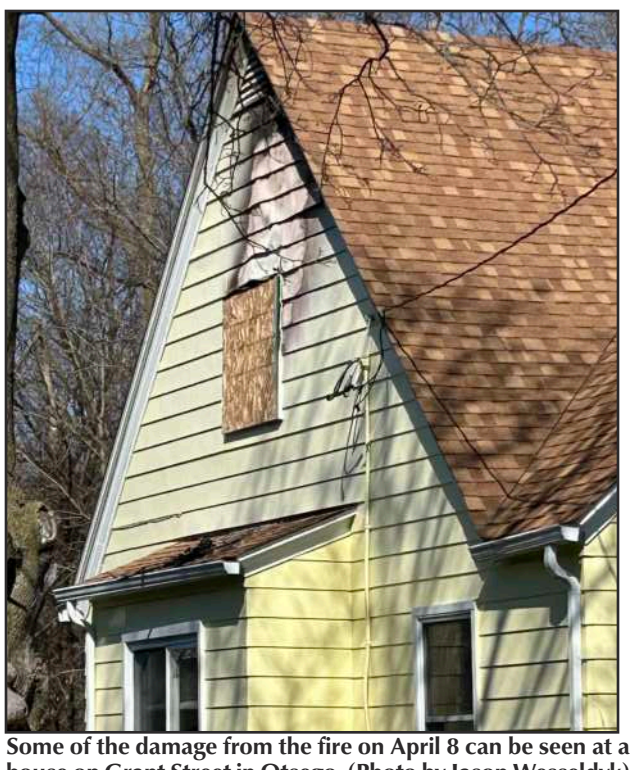
Firefighters rescue woman from house fire in Otsego


Some of the damage from the fire on April 8 can be seen at a house on Grant Street in Otsego. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Shortly after midnight on Tuesday, April 8, the Otsego Fire Department and other local agencies responded to a fire at a home in the 200 block of S. Grant St. in Otsego.

According to Otsego Director of Police and Fire Brad Misner, a dramatic rescue followed, as a victim was pulled from a burning home, "narrowly escaping the flames in a harrowing window escape."

Police and fire personnel arrived at the home within minutes of the 911 call, finding thick smoke billowing from an upstairs window in the two-story structure.

Firefighters determined one person was trapped inside on the second floor of the home. Unable to reach the 49-year-old female due to the severity of the smoke at the top of the stairwell, firefighters turned to the window, where they spotted the victim.

Firefighters and members from the Otsego Police Department quickly coordinated a rescue operation, using a ladder from the unattached garage.

Otsego Assistant Fire Chief Mike Bush reached to the victim from the garage roof and pulled her from the window. During the rescue, the woman was unable to grab on to the garage roof and fell to the ground between the house and the unattached garage.

The individual was assisted out from between the house in the garage and brought to safety, receiving immediate medical attention on the scene.

"The bravery and quick thinking of our first responders made all of the difference today," Misner said. "Thanks to the heroic actions, we were able to get the victim to safety and avoid a much more tragic outcome."

The victim was taken to Bronson Hospital for treatment. The name of the victim was not released, and no further information was provided regarding her condition.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control with a quick-dash fire extinguishment. The cause and origin of the fire has yet to be determined.

"I am grateful for the quick unprofessional response from our fire department personnel," Misner said. "Our thoughts are with the victim and her family. We will continue to support the investigation into the cause of the fire."

Misner urged residences to check their smoke detectors, practice fire-safety plans and stay vigilant to avoid the risk of fire hazards in the home.

"Today is a perfect example of smoke detector saving lives," Misner said. "The occupants were awakened by the smoke detectors and given time to escape."

Misner said the Otsego Fire Department was grateful for the other agencies who assisted with the fire. Those agencies include: the Allegan County Central dispatch, the Allegan County Sheriff's Office, the Otsego Police Department, Plainwell EMS, the Plainwell Department of Public Safety, the Gobles-Pine Grove Fire Department and the Gun Plain Fire Department.

"We truly could not have been successful without your help," Misner said to the other responding agencies.

Plainwell plans third annual Spring Soiree on April 26

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Spring is officially here.

And in the City of Plainwell, that means it's time once again for the Spring Soiree.

Now in its third year, the Spring Soiree will take place in downtown Plainwell beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

According to Plainwell community development manager Denise Siegel, the event started when some of the downtown merchants came up with the idea of celebrating spring to promote the shops/restaurants, farmer's market, city parks and the Riverwalk.

"It's a seasonal celebration bringing together the best of local shopping, hands-on workshops, exclusive spring sales and fresh market finds," Siegel said. "Whether you're looking to refresh your home, wardrobe or spirit, this event has something for everyone."

During the first two years of the event, the workshops have been a highlight, Siegel said.

"The workshops are always fun and people really seem to enjoy them," she said.

Among this year's workshops is a hands-on window workshop hosted by Real Property Management at 131 S. Marin St., Suite 5.

Participants can write a fun message or creative drawing on the storefront window before trying out a variety of window-cleaning techniques.

"It's perfect for giving your home a fresh, springtime sparkle," Real Property Management said in a release.

In addition, Rockin' K Farms will host a seed-planting workshop, while several vendors at the farmer's market will host various workshops.

The farmer's market runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Plainwell City Hall.

"Make sure to stay tuned as more details are coming about the workshops," Siegel said.

Like other downtown events put on by the City throughout the year, the Spring Soiree is an opportunity to showcase what Plainwell has to offer.

"Anytime events like this happen in our downtown, they are well received by the community and business owner," Siegel said. "This event grows every year. It's a great day to get out with your family or friends regardless of the weather to just enjoy everything Plainwell has to offer.

"Whether you are looking for the perfect spring gift or wanting to support small businesses or just want a fun day with friends, the Spring Soiree will have something for everyone."

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Hart to be honored during Arbor Day Celebration at Ransom Library

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

On Friday, April 25, Ransom District Library, in partnership with the City of Plainwell, will celebrate "the beauty and importance of trees" with an Arbor Day ceremony beginning at 3 p.m.

E.J. Hart, seen receiving an award in 2015, will be honored at the Arbor Day Celebration at Ransom Library on Friday, April 25, at 3 p.m.

In addition to the City handing out seedlings to the first 50 attendees, the ceremony will also include a tribute to E.J. Hart, the longtime Plainwell businessman who passed away last April.

Hart, who owned Hart's Jewelry, was heavily involved in the community, sponsoring many events and volunteering in various capacities.

Hart's daughter, Erin Bolda, said her family is grateful to the city and Ransom for recognizing her father in this way.

"It brings us joy that he is being honored by the city he loved, even after his passing," Bolda said.

According to Bolda, Hart's strong sense of community service came from his desire to foster a welcoming environment for everyone.

"My dad didn't really talk with us about his motivations," she said. "He tended to just quietly do the things he did because he felt that they were important for his community.

"E.J. wanted all members of his community to feel a sense of belonging. He felt very proud to particpate in events and committees that would increase opportunities for those that live in his community."

Bolda said Hart's legacy will continue to live on through his family members and the community. That includes Hart's grandson—and Bolda's son—Ethan, who continues to work at Hart's Jewelry and plans to take over running it.

"When we reflect back on my dad's life, it serves as an example of the power of putting down roots in our own communities, creating relationships with others and taking meaningful action in the causes that mean so much to us," Bolda said.

"He appreciated the efforts of other community members in their pursuit of continuing to help the community grow and prosper. He would hope his legacy would be to inspire others to give where you can, participate in opportunities that help you grow as a human and to live a life of integrity."

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Event season kicked off last weekend headlined by Alpaca Fest

By Gari Voss

April 2025 has officially started the countless activities that bring thousands to Allegan. The weekend of April 12th and 13th is just an example of what is yet to come. For the visual arts and crafts lovers, Art in the Garden, sponsored by the Allegan Area Arts Council, offered art in every medium and crafts made from soft to firm materials.

For those who love animals and creations made from fiber, there was the Michigan Alpaca Fest & The Mi-Mitten Meltdown Alpaca Show at the Allegan Fair Grounds. The competition involved youth through adults. In addition, booths around the perimeter of the hall offered a wonderful Artisan Fair with products made of various fiber and raw materials.

Spread throughout the weekend performing arts enthusiasts could find activities. Spike Kunetz offered an improv workshop during Art in the Garden, Kitten & the Tonics added music to the other offerings at The Silo, and to culminate the weekend, on Sunday, April 13th, Ellis and M. E. held the last Cabin Fever Reliever at the Griswold.

Young and older visitors admired the personable alpaca during the Alpaca Festival at the Allegan Fairgrounds on Sat., Apr. 12 and Sun., Apr. 13, 2025. Judges called alpaca entries to the ring where the handlers were rated on showmanship while the alpaca were carefully examined for conformation and fleece quality. The owners and handlers of these animals come from all over the Midwest. Signs held locations in Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois and beyond. Left: visitors attempted to entice alpaca to come their way for a closer look. Right: David Caterin takes a moment to allow visitors to stroke the luxurious fleece of Ardie, a young alpaca who would be shown in the youth events.

The MI Alpaca Festival & The Mi-Mitten Meltdown Alpaca Show

Sat., April 12, 2025, The Silo south of Allegan began filling with visitors who could shop at tables filled with a variety of arts and crafts created by artists and artisans from Allegan County and beyond. In addition to the many tables filled with wonderful creations, craft areas were available for children to create art and play games, while workshops focused on visual, soft art, and the performing arts were offered in the lower level. Numerous objects were available for a silent auction or a ticketed raffle.

Allegan Area Arts Council president Judi McCall and treasurer Marcia Behm were amazed at the quality of the selections and the crowd. “Many years, we would have a group of people walk through the doors then there would be a short lull before the next group. This year, there has been a steady stream of people coming since the doors opened, and they are still coming as we prepare to officially close.”

After a busy Saturday, residents and visitors could sit in the comfort of the Griswold Auditorium and enjoy the music of Ellis and M. E. The duo shared a wonderful variety of musical genre and wove in stories that matched songs. An example is the sharing of the story of the Kalamazoo Gals who crafted Gibson guitars during WWII. To complement the story, they performed “I’ve Got a Gal in Kalamazoo”. This was the last of the Cabin Fever Reliever Series sponsored by the Allegan Chapter of the Kzoo Folklife and Downtown Allegan. Assistant City Manager Parker Johnson shared that this has been a great series of performers, and they look forward to setting up the bands for next year’s series. Ellie & M. E. will return to Allegan for Friends on Wednesday later in May.

Art in the Garden offered a variety of art mediums and genres

Sunday’s Cabin Fever Reliever Concert topped off the weekend

Workshops during Art in the Garden guided participants through soft arts/crafts and even the preforming arts with an improvisation session with Spike Kunetz.

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The City of Allegan would like to identify any abandoned, unplugged wells in and around its wellhead protection zone and explore having them plugged. The zone extends east from the city of Allegan along the north side of M-222 east to 24th St.

If you are the owner of the abandoned, unplugged well and would like assistance in plugging the well. Please contact Allegan Water Utilities at 269-686-1117 or by emailing to Doug Sweeris at dsweeris@cityofallegan.org

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Missing woman found dead in river

By Scott Sullivan
Writer

A Saugatuck Township woman was found dead in the Kalamazoo River Friday morning after being reported missing the day before near her home.

Nancy Eichler-O'Connell, 67, (shown at left) was last seen living Thursday afternoon at her secluded home on the Kalamazoo River near the I-196 bridge. She was reported missing at 1:45 p.m. and presumed to have fallen into the water.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office reported Eichler-O'Connell did not have a vehicle nor her phone with her. Her hat was found at the water's edge.

The search included divers, marine division deputies on boats and two tracking dogs. A state police helicopter equipped with a forward-looking infrared camera also helped in the search, as did Douglas police plus Saugatuck, Graafschap and Hamilton fire departments.

Sheriff's divers searched for Eichler-O'Connell until 2 a.m. Friday, then resumed the later that morning. There were no signs of foul play, the sheriff's office said.

Her family was notified and thanked all who had helped in the search, police said.

JBS Union Workers Ratify New Contract

Over 1,300 workers at beef processing plant in mid-Michigan to receive guaranteed annual wage increases, new pension plan & improvements to paid time off

Members of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 951 voted this week to ratify a new contract at JBS, a beef processing plant located in Plainwell, MI, containing an immediate $750 bonus, guaranteed wage increases each year of the contract, a new pension plan with employer contribution, and improvements to paid time off. UFCW 951 is the largest private sector union in the state, representing over 30,000 workers in a variety of industries, over 1,300 of which are JBS workers.

"We fought hard for wage increases and an overall improved contract for the JBS members," Courtney Phillips, secretary/treasurer of UFCW Local 951, said. "I am proud of the members who served on the bargaining committee and worked together to achieve contract gains that improve the lives of their fellow members."

The contract is effective April 11, 2025 and expires in November of 2029. Other improvements to the contract include:

- Improvements to the vacation pay calculation.
- Improved paid time off for employees with 10 years of service, and those with over 25 years of service.
- Increased bereavement leave.
- Increased meal allowance.

Scott Smith, who works in shipping at JBS, served on the bargaining committee, saying he wanted to be a part of making lasting changes to the contract.

"The vacation time is now paid by your average hours worked, as compared to only a 40-hour week, because the majority of us work more hours than that, so that's a big thing in my eyes," said Smith. "The pension is a big deal for people who are looking to stay in a long-term position with the company. The company is putting money into the pension, and we don't have to put any money into it."

Cornelius Frazier, who works in the cooler at JBS, also served on the bargaining committee so he could have a voice in the contract negotiations.

"I felt I would be able to make a difference with a strong voice and would be able to reach different people to get the message out there," Frazier said. "I felt we all had a voice, and we are all very involved. Nobody on the bargaining team was left out – it really was a chance to have your voice heard."

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Community Events

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!
Another super busy weekend including Easter!

Now-Fri., May 2, 2025: Allegan Spring Spruce Up
City residents may place leaves and brush at the street's edge for pick up.

Fri., Apr. 18, & Sat., Apr. 19, 2025, 10am: Book Bag Sale
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat. Apr. 19, 2025, 10am-Noon: Kids Summer Discovery Fair
Griswold 401 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Apr. 19, 2025, 10am-1pm: Earth Day Community Clean Up
Check in at Sassy Olive on Locust St. Get a bag of goodies and receive an area to clean.

Sat., Apr. 19, 2025, 11am-1pm: Annual Easter Eggstravaganza
Jaycee Park 200 Monroe St. Allegan

Buy your tickets for The Wildwoods
Sun., May 4, 2025, 7pm:
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Apr. 16, 2025, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
Registration begins at 5:30. Bring a library card for extra points then answer questions.

Thurs., Apr. 17, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 2-5 year olds will enjoy stories & activities.
3:30pm: Mission to Space with the Air Zoo. 5th-8th graders can investigate how aerospace engineers use rockets and spaceplanes to tackle the challenges of space. Register at 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Apr. 17, 2025, 6pm: Maundy Thursday Services
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Get enveloped in the story of Jesus' Last Supper. All are welcome.

Thurs., Apr. 17, 2025, 4-6pm: Third Thirsty Thursday
The LYNX Golf Course 900 Lincoln Rd. Otsego
The Allegan Area Chamber and the Allegan Jaycees collaborate for fun networking.

Fri., Apr. 18, 2025, 4-9pm: Cocktail & Appetizer Trail
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Fri., Apr. 18, 2025: Good Friday Services
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Noon: Noon day prayers followed by Stations of the Cross – Jesus' journey from arrest to crucifixion.
6pm: Good Friday Litany
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
3pm: Good Friday Service

Fri., Apr. 18, 2025, Apr. 18, 2025, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
The Tweens & Teens take over the library after hours to explore virtual reality, 3-D printing, and video games with friends and snacks. Register at 269 673-4625.

Fri., Apr. 18, & Sat., Apr. 19, 2025, 10am: Book Bag Sale
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Allegan Friends of the Library will help you fill a bag for a donation to support library programs and materials.

Sat., Apr. 19, 2025, 8am-3:30pm: Waste & Recycling
Allegan Public Works 691 Airway Dr. Allegan
Residents can prove residency then fill dumpsters with waste and recycling.

Sat. Apr. 19, 2025, 10am-Noon: Kids Summer Discovery Fair
Griswold 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Come and learn about the many summer activities for kids around Allegan.

Sat., Apr. 19, 2025, 10am-1pm: Earth Day Community Clean Up
Check in at Sassy Olive on Locust St. Get a bag of goodies and receive an area to clean. Come back with "look what we did" photos and learn where to put the trash. Turn in your old sassy headbands for fabric recycling & get a coupon for 20% off in-store redeemable day of event. Retold Recycling turns fabric waste into insulation.

Sat., Apr. 19, 2025, 11am-1pm: Annual Easter Eggstravaganza
Jaycee Park 200 Monroe St. Allegan
11am: pictures with the Easter Bunny; Noon: the Easter Egg Scramble sponsored by the Allegan Jaycees. Ages 0-2, 3-4, 5-7 and 8-12.

Sun., Apr. 20, 2025, 10am: Easter Services
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
Join in the celebration of the glorious resurrection of Jesus. Services are followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Mon, Apr. 21, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
Bear & Fox Yarn Den Brady St. Allegan
Drop in for a casual evening of fun stitching. Bring your crochet, knit, embroidery – whatever fiber art and enjoy the conversation.

Thurs., Apr. 24, 2025, 6pm: 17th Annual Lifeline Gala
The Silo 1071 32nd St. Allegan
Hosted by Safe Harbor, Child Advocacy Center, an evening to raise awareness and funds to support victims of child abuse and neglect in the community. Register at development@safeharborcac,org by April 11th.

Fri., Apr. 25, 2025, 4-9pm: Cocktail & Appetizer Trail
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Fri., Apr. 25, 2025, 4:30-8pm: Fish FRYday
LYNX Golf Course 900 Lincoln Rd. Otsego
Enjoy fried pollack, fries, coleslaw & bread.

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 8am: 2025 Poker Ride
Silver Creek Equestrian Park 3900 134 Ave. Hamilton
Friends of Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (FACETS) will host their annual fundraiser. Come and enjoy the ride and fill your poker hand.

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 8-10:30am: Community Pancake Breakfast
Hungry for Christ 4565 135th Ave. Hamilton
Hungry for Christ, Food Ministry invite everyone to enjoy a wonderful breakfast. There is no charge, but donations are welcome to support the work of the food ministry. www.hungryforchrist.org.

Sat., Apr. 26 – Sun., Apr. 27, 2025: Shipshewana on the Road – Allegan
Allegan County Fairground Allegan
Explore the Gift, Food and Craft Show for a weekend of fun where you'll find anything and everything under the sun!

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 4:30-6:30pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Enjoy a lovely Italian dinner to support the Congregational Kitchen repairs and updates so they can continue providing hot meals to the Allegan Community.

Sat., Apr. 26, 2025, 6pm & Sun., Apr. 27, 2pm: One Acts Festival – Youth Edition
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
The Youth take the stage for the 11th Annual one Acts Festival.

Mon., Apr. 28, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
The Bear & Fox Yarn Den 141 Brady St. Allegan
All are welcome to drop in for a casual evening of fun stitching in The Den! Bring your crochet, knit, embroidery-whatever fiber art and enjoy some fellowship!

Wed., Apr. 30, 2025, 2-4pm: Friends on Wednesday – Diabetes
1st Presbyterian 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Learn about diabetes and have questions answered by specialist Mary Harnish and dietitian Jason Nicolai from Ascension Borgess Hospital. This is an opportunity to learn while enjoying conversation with others.

Thurs., May 1, 2025, 11:30-1pm: CCW Connected Chamber Women's Luncheon
Pine Rest Postma Center 300 68th St. SE Bldg. C Grand Rapids
Members Only network with 100 Chamber ladies from West Michigan. Enjoy lunch, conversation & a presentation by Kristen Nitz. For more info & to register by Apr. 22nd at call 269.673.2479 or email director@alleganchamber.com.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
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Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
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Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
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Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center - Abuse Prevention and Healing
404 Sherman St., Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborcac.org, (269) 673-3791

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Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care
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FOOD

Allegan Food Pantry
Church of God, 1313 Lincoln Rd., Allegan
Monday: 10 am–1pm; Tues.: 2–7pm; Fri. 1-4pm Curbside Service
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Christian Neighbors, SE
282 12th St. Plainwell 269 685-4166

Christian Neighbors, Wayland
122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

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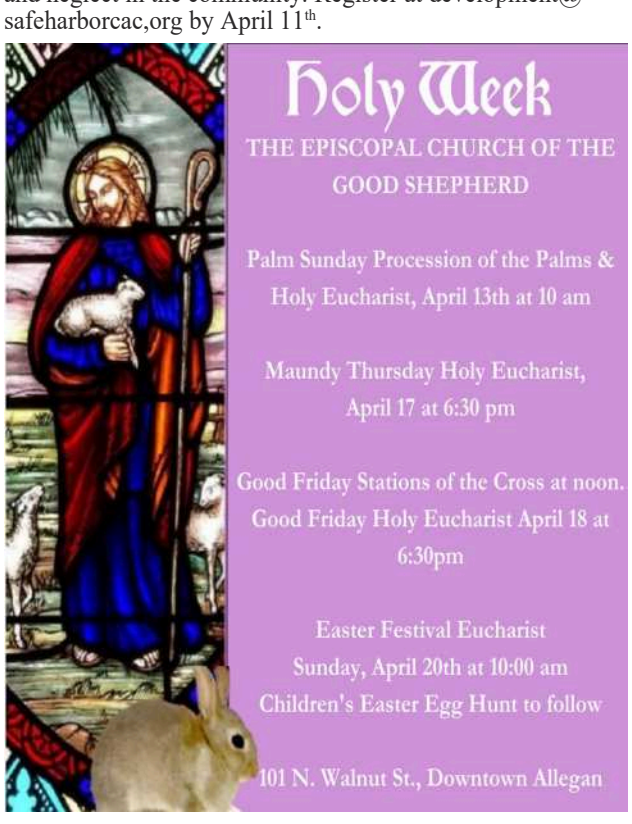
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The Yellow Brick Road leads to Hopkins High

By Gari Voss

Mr. Alex Cross leads a music rehearsal for the Muny version of The Wizard of Oz that will be performed by Hopkins students in grades 4th-12th on April 24-26 in the Middle School Cafetorium. Tickets are now on sale at https://hopkinsmusical.ludus.com/index.php**.**

Hopkins High School's theater performers are going to sing and dance their way to the Emerald City in search of the Wizard of Oz on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 6:30pm, Friday April 25th at 7pm, and Saturday, April 26th at 2pm & 7pm.

The core cast for the Muny Version of *The Wizard of Oz* is composed of 6th-12th graders plus elementary choristers who have been guided by six staff members and an endless number of parent volunteers. All performances will be at the Hopkins Middle School Cafetorium, 215 Clark St, Hopkins. Tickets can be purchased through https://hopkinsmusical.ludus.com/index.php.

Co-Producer, and School Board Member, Traci Rhoades acknowledged, "I'm always blown away by the talent we gather from a smaller school district. Our core audition pool comes from 6th-12th grade, and we often include 4th and 5th graders in some capacity. This year, Sycamore Elementary Music Teacher, Mrs. Scripps, brought back Choir Club for the two elementary schools, and offered to practice with our younger students in choir club. About 25 of them will be joining us for the song, "Munchkinland". Our total cast size is 58!"

The Muny Version of *The Wizard of Oz* was written in 1942 for the Municipal Theatre in St. Louis, MO. It uses songs from the 1939 musical movie version but is a little different than other versions. It brings some nice surprises as it sticks closer to the text in the 14 books written by L. Frank Baum. Do not be surprised by several characters not featured in the movie version.

The audience will still be enchanted by the farm girl Dorothy, who lives with Aunt Em and Uncle Henry. When Dorothy lands in Oz, she is greeted by the Munchkins and the Good Witch of the North. The Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cowardly Lion work desperately to get Dorothy back home to Kansas.

Following directions, Dorothy travels the Yellow Brick Road, picking up new friends along the way. They must reach the Emerald City to find the Great and Powerful Oz if Dorothy is to get home, the Scarecrow is to get a brain, the Tin Man a heart, and the Cowardly Lion to find courage.

However, getting to the Emerald City is not as simple as it looks. The Great Wizard of Oz tells them he won't help until they get rid of the Wicked Witch of the West.

"Having worked with many of these students for three years now, the most fulfilling part of this work is watching them develop. Over time, students have become more confident, good role models and leaders. Nothing beats watching those moments on stage when you see them own their part," explains Rhoades. "One of our students was a sixth grader when I started. We were always telling him to speak up and slow down. Already, as an eighth grader, he's showing tremendous improvement. As the scarecrow this year, he's taken on a principal role, speaks clearly with expression, sings out well, and is even taking on some new dance moves. I won't say any more than that. It's cool to think he has four more years in our program."

Rhoades continues, "Our director, Ms. Cathy, is extremely creative. She does a good job of giving every actor a meaningful part in the show, and usually pulls in our stage managers as well. She is endlessly patient in bringing out the best in these kids. I know of no other school program where students of a variety of ages are pulled together to work on a big project. It truly takes everyone doing their part, no matter how big or small."

Reflecting on their experiences of participating in a musical of this magnitude, students had their versions of the experience.

Olivia Bevier, who plays Dorothy, shared, "I'm very excited to perform the *Wizard of Oz* this year because of the amazing energy and talent in the cast! The cast this year has put so much love and time into this show, and I can tell that the performances are going to be amazing!"

"The energy of the music is very uplifting, and I feel the cast is very well-rounded in this show," explained Nolan DeGroot, who plays the Wizard.

The ensemble members too feel tied to the production, as is revealed by Cay Wellman, a more experienced member of the troupe. "This production is very ensemble heavy so there are always so many things going on stage, and everyone has their fair share of fun and interesting scenes. I like how the director and choreographer were able to make even the scenes with slower music interesting and unique in their own ways. The cast for this year is also incredibly lively, and everyone is super excited to be here, which makes for an overall positive attitude that directly affects how they perform on stage, this show is probably the most exciting one I've done yet!"

Dorothy (Olivia Bevier), the Scarecrow (Judah Berkenpas), the Tin Woodman (Marcus DeGood), and the Cowardly Lion (Kylie Williams) invite all to join them as they get help from the Good Witch (Alaria Rhoades) and Princess Gloria (Ellie Fein) in finding the Wizard of Oz (Nolan DeGroot) and conquer the Wicked Witch (Cobie Palmbos). They are delighted to be supported by such a wonderful company of actors and stage helpers. Tickets are available at https://hopkinsmusical.ludus.com/index.php.

ACP 11th Annual One Acts Festival highlights youth

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Community Players' One Acts Festival, Jr. highlights the talents of local youth performers. April 26-27, 2025. Most roles are performed by youth 18 years or under, who take the stage to bring five plays written by local playwrights. To properly celebrate these young thespians, the schedule includes:

Sat., April 26th:

5:00pm – Red carpet Premiere begins

5:30pm – Doors open

6:00pm – Curtain rises

Sun., April 27th:

1:30pm - Doors open.

2:00pm – Curtain rises.

Reflecting on these unique productions, ACP's Donald Grant shared, "It's a fantastic opportunity to experience a variety of theatrical styles and stories in a single performance. From comedies and dramas to thought-provoking pieces, the festival offers something for everyone."

To better accommodate audience members with extended families, the One Acts Festival curtain rises on Saturday, April 26th at 6pm and Sunday, April 27th at 2pm. Those in attendance will enjoy five one act plays with a variety of twists and turns.

For animal lovers, Whitney Ehresman wrote and Zoey Andree directed Class Pet. Caia Rhude as Sam and Ari Mae Thayer as Maisie must locate the beloved pet with some assistance with a cameo from Zoey Andree as Mom. The sisters are forced to navigate through sibling rivalry as they search for their missing class pet.

Those who enjoy thinking about galaxies far away, The Intergalactic Student Exchange Program written by A.J. Adams and directed by Amanda Adams finds middle school students welcoming a new exchange student. As they overcome misunderstandings and surprise revelations, the students find that friendship knows no galactic boundaries. The youth of Piper LaForest as Zorp/Thorp, Austyn Clouthier as Sam, Alexandra Greig as Mia, and Riley Fouch as Alex are supported by Whitney Ehresman as Mrs. Brower and Rick Moll as Principal Carter.

It's Elemental brings gods and goddesses to the stage as the deities of nature debate the fate of humanity. The question becomes whether, or not, the gods and goddesses will allow the human species to collapse because of their lack of respect for nature. Adrian Dulac as Hutch, the Air God, Alesandra Greig as Gaia, the Earth Goddess, Kyrstin Herren as Neree, the Goddess of Water, and Brooklynn Morton as Gedi, the Fire God, struggle to sort out the conundrum penned by Arianna Rose and directed by Michael Leonard.

When a teenage dance student befriends a new classmate, a unique and almost magical connection to her past is discovered that will change her life. Time to Dance, written to Amanda Boes, directed by Whitney Ehresman and choreographed by Rori Schaffer, allows the musical to come alive thanks to Olyvia Clapper as Josie, and Riley Fouch as Cecilia, who are supported by Jennifer LaForest as Grandma and Lindsay Kruse as Denise.

Smiles will erupt when Celia Grant as Baby A, Theia Rhude as Baby B, Emilia Cossairt as Baby C, and Alice Adams as Baby D, are joined by Anna Cossairt as the Blue Giant. The Smartest Baby in the World, written by Spike Kunetz and directed by Donald Grant, reveals a baby who navigates the new world under the guidance of her senior mentor, better known as "the smartest baby in the world".

Tickets for the Sat., April 26th 6pm and Sun., April 27th, 2pm matinee, can be purchased in advance at allegancommunityplayers.org or at the door of the Griswold Auditorium for $12 general admission. Use discount code FAIR for $2.00 off each ticket. The discount code is valid until April 25th.

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Give tariffs a chance, they may work

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX

■ PUBLISHER ■

Let's give the tariffs time to work. If they don't work I will be the first to admit I was wrong. President Trump seems to be backing off his hardline positions with a 90-day reprieve for most, and taking tariffs off cellphones, electronics and associated items made in China. I think that is a good move and if we can cut deals with the 75 or so larger traders the U.S. buys and sells to, then this country will be far better off.

The tariffs make sense. If China charges us a 100% tariff, then it's only fair that we charge them one. The same goes for Canada, Mexico, Vietnam and all the others. If they want to charge us 40% then it's only fair that we charge them the same. What is good for the goose is good for the gander.

Higher prices may come for a while. Foreign car dealerships are going to feel the pinch. But the good news for consumers is that the price of gas should come down substantially.

People are worried about buying cheap stuff from China at Walmart or Amazon or any other country. Others are upset that Amazon and Temu purchases my be higher. I honestly don't want stuff from China. If China never ships another thing here it wouldn't bother me. Sadly, everything we own today is, in some way, likely tied to a foreign country including consumer goods, prescriptions and grocery store items.

My friend Dr. Glenn Mollett relates when he was a kid, he had a transistor radio made in Hong Kong. He thought it was funny to have such an item made from so far away. Throughout the years, he said however, it became the norm. Cars, televisions, furniture, appliances and steel started coming from other places. Sadly, our American manufacturers were moving to Mexico, or any country on the planet where they could find slave labor. This turned into big profit for them because they shipped the goods cheaply back to the United States and made big profits. The problem was that those jobs were forever lost in America. The American workers had to go out and find jobs at Walmart and Starbucks making $10 an hour which today is more like $15 to $18. They had been used to making $35 or $40 an hour before their job moved out of America.

Mollett continued, "Back in the fifties, sixties and even seventies people could go to one of the big cities in their state and find a good paying manufacturing job. There were lots of jobs. We made a lot of cars, televisions, radios, clothes, furniture, steel, lumber, and had coal mining and much more. These people made enough money to buy a house, buy two cars, buy food, raise their kids and have a real retirement after working 30 years. That was called the American dream.

Today the American dream for many is applying for disabled Social Security and then praying that you can afford to go to Walmart. Don't even think about buying a new car, a new house or taking a vacation because on today's income it is not going to happen."

He's right. Let's try to keep breathing and see how these tariffs play out. We need jobs to come back to America. We need our own companies to come home. We need to buy our own American steel and make things here once again. If other countries will come to America and build their products here and hire our people that will be a good thing.

Just maybe, in a few years, once again, people in America will dream again.

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Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

Sometimes we learn more about ourselves and our future by looking back in history. Today, we go back about a century to the Roaring Twenties. Babe Ruth is knocking out homeruns, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are playing for Knute Rockne at Notre Dame, the Charleston is all the rage, and the stock market is going up. So also, was the water level in the entire Mississippi River Basin.

The winter of 1926-27, had seen an unusually heavy snow fall, and then came a warm spring which caused it to melt rapidly. The Mississippi River was flooding from Minnesota south, and the problems were made worse when the Missouri and Ohio Rivers, along with smaller tributaries, all came together. The huge levies on both sides of the Mississippi were not sufficient to stop the flooding.

Governors all along the Mississippi River begged the federal government to do something, but President Calvin Coolidge, who had been ruthlessly reducing department budgets and payrolls, announced that this was a state, not federal problem. He was not being inordinately cruel. Since the founding of the nation flooding and many other problems were state responsibilities.

It was soon more than a matter of too much water. Sharecroppers and small farmers in the lower Mississippi Valley, many of whom were African Americans, were ordered to move onto the levies to help with strengthening them. The Ku Klux Klan took advantage of the crisis, and agitated for more restrictive Jim Crow Laws

The Red Cross did what it could, but this disaster was beyond their means. Will Rogers held fund-raising events, but much more was needed. Still the President refused to act. Only one Cabinet member traveled to the lower Midwest - the obscure Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover. He was proclaimed a humanitarian, a man with a heart, a man of compassion and empathy. The following year he was elected President.

Unfortunately, he was an engineer and not an economist, which meant he was well out of his depth when it came to understanding the national economy. We will remember that it was during his tenure that America suffered from the Great Depression. Whenever he tried to remedy the problem, the Senate blocked him, using the old rallying cry - "Not out responsibilities. Let the Wall Street bankers handle it."

That hand's off approach came to an abrupt end when Roosevelt was elected to the White House, and among the programs he started was Social Security. The goal was to give people over 65 a small pension to make life easier. Prior to that time, anyone who was out of money and needed assistance applied to their local county officials, hoping to get a bed in the County Poor Farm. But Social Security would assist people to live a dignified few last years before they passed away.

A year or so later, he started the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corp. People were hired to paint murals, write travel books about our national parks, and work on those parks and elsewhere. They received food and board, but minimal pay, but they were working, and that was important.

This was significant because finally the US seemed to have a genuine 'heart' for the well-being of all its citizens, and not just the wealthy. Later, the same principle applied to the GI Benefits offered to all the men and women who served in uniform during WWII. They could apply and get free college or trade school education and a subsistence allowance. The result was one of the greatest booms in the American economy.

There is another more recent place where we have seen America with a 'heart'. It's the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA. You know where we see it almost every day? It happens when we get to an intersection, and instead of a sharp curb that can be insurmountable to some people, there is a ramp. Whether you and I need it right now doesn't matter. The message is important and clear: You and everyone else are included here. I don't know about you, but I don't want to go back to those "good old days" where getting a wheelchair or a stroller or even walking across the street is almost impossible.

What is truly alarming is the sheer nastiness we hear and read all the time. We have had leaders in government and business who have been callous, uncaring, clueless, and unsophisticated. To my knowledge, none of them mocked the handicapped, women, people of color, alternate genders, or poor. None of them called American prisoners of war, "losers" or mocked the men and women of our armed forces for their loyalty and service. When one individual or a group is hurt by this sort of babble, we are all hurt.

If we are being propelled back a century, then perhaps the time has come for you and me to do something about it. Perhaps you remember the old Gary Cooper film, "Meet John Doe." It's a dark comedy where one man led a nation-wide movement by speaking up for the nameless common man, "John Doe." It registered with the people, and many rose up to take action. The organized John Doe Clubs whose sole purpose was to look after their neighbors, care for them, and do the right thing.

The politicians and oligarchs did not like this movement and tried to silence Gary Cooper and his followers. That is because they wanted to keep all power, wealth, and control for themselves.

Sometimes it looks like history is repeating itself, doesn't it? Sometimes it seems like there is little we can do about it.

What you and I can do right now is take even better care of our neighbors, be compassionate and understanding to those who are going through a rough patch in life and be a kind person. Some people seem bent on making words like compassion and empathy into weakness; they aren't. Our country was built on those good traits, long before the government got involved. We surprised visiting Europeans by being a 'volunteer nation' by building our own churches and schools without waiting for the government. We raised money when another community was in desperate straits, That is a large part of what made us the people we are today. If we can make ourselves useful and do something good for others, that's our job.

The refrain of an old World War Two song seems to apply: "We've done it before, we'll do it again, and this time we'll do it right."

So turn off the television and computer and quit watching the alarmist click bait headlines, enough already with all the propaganda from both sides, and quit paying any attention to the advertisements. All the latter want to do is scare us so we'll buy their product or services.

It's time that we get on with our lives and become the best person possible. Apply the universal truths of the Boy Scout Laws and Jesus' Two Great Commandments. Our your empathy and compassion into action because there is no law or power great enough to stop us from caring for others.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader says we all need to be vaccinated

Hi Mr. Wilcox,

I read your recent editorial on vaccine hysteria, causing me to look up a few facts.

The CDC states that, among reported measles cases each year prior to the vaccine, an estimated 400 to 500 kids died and 48,000 were hospitalized.

Regarding rubella, according to the Mayo clinic, up to 90% of infants born to mothers who had rubella during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy develop congenital rubella syndrome. If the fetus survives, the syndrome causes various organ problems and lifelong misery.

The vaccine for measles and rubella stopped all of that suffering. But now it has somehow become fashionable to be a vaccine sceptic. As COVID taught us, you may be healthy enough to survive the illness, but if you get the vaccine you won't pass it along to someone who can't. Over 1.2 million people died from COVID. If we lined the dead guys up end-to-end they would stretch from southwest Michigan to Miami. How many of these dead people caught COVID from someone who was unvaccinated?

Bottom line: Please do mankind a favor and encourage people to get vaccinated.

Justin Aguy

Fight wasteful spending in Allegan County

Dear Editor-

They say in politics "when you have to explain yourself, you're losing."

I am guessing the Allegan County Board of Commissioners is losing then based on the number of times during their last meeting that the county manager felt the need to interject and explain exactly why – in his opinion- the county needs to pay $60,000 to employ a lobbying firm in Lansing. As usual, the manager offered no specific wins for the TAXPAYER MONEY the Board is blowing, just hypotheticals – par for the course with these politicians.

Here is the problem and taxpayers know it. Either, our senators and assemblymen/women in Lansing are NOT DOING THEIR JOBS and are failing to advocate for the county's concerns to Lansing OR our county board and manager are too lazy to reach out to the Lansing delegation and tell them the county's needs.

If the situation is the first one, the Board of Commissioners should tell us citizens. Stop protecting those who are not doing their jobs!! Which Senators are NOT calling you back or not voting for what the county needs? Which assemblymen/women are NOT calling you back or not voting how the county is asking? Tell us!! Let voters know publicly so we can vote them out of office!

If the situation is that the Board and county manager are too lazy to call or "work" our delegation, hence the $60,000 of our money is to make up for their lack of willingness to do their jobs, then we should vote them out of office!

WHICH IS IT County Board members???

Either way, Allegan County voters need to be relieving some folks from their jobs, and saving $60,000 of our money on a useless middleman!

Fight wasteful spending and corruption in Allegan County! JOIN ALLEGAN COUNTY DOGE (ACDOGE) and let's take back our county!

Yours Truly,
Joshua Wells

Increasing tariffs will hurt Michigan

Dear Editor,

I think that President Trump's tariff war on Canada is going to hurt Michigan, big time.

In the Upper Midwest, hogs are imported into the US. The hogs go to a US meat packing plant to be packaged for sale. The packaged meat is exported back to Canada. A trade war with Canada could cost jobs at that American meat packing plant.

The American auto industry trades parts back and forth across the Canadian border. A trade war with Canada could cost auto jobs in Michigan.

Canada could charge a 25% tax on electricity that they sell in Michigan. Canada's electricity balances out our grid on hot days. Without this power, we could have brownouts or blackouts.

The Midwest oil refineries use heavy sour crude oil from Canada. In a trade war, Canada could sell the oil that went to the Midwest oil refineries, to ones in China. Canada has three oil pipelines going through the Rocky Mountains to Canada's west coast ports. Michigan could experience a gasoline shortage like we did back in the 1970s.

Canada and the EU see Trump siding with Russia in the war in Ukraine, and it is making them think twice before buying weapons from the US. They fear that Trump will cut off American weapons because Canada & the EU were sending weapons to Ukraine. Canceling orders from American arms manufacturers will cost even more American jobs.

Entering into a tariff war with the world will make America into economic backwater. Nobody wins a tariff war. A tariff war started by the US began the Great Depression of the 1930s.

There are free trade zones across the world - the EU has a trade zone, the BRIC trade zone, and the USMCA trade zone. There is a possibility that President Trump will destroy the USMCA trade zone, so Canada is in talks with the EU trade zone.

If President Trump increases tariffs on most countries around the world, I believe that the world will start to avoid trading with the US. I fear that the US is going to have a recession or depression because of President Trump's trade war.

Thank You,
Jim Wisniewski

Letters to the editor

Handling Truth

Dear Editor:

I read John R. Young's Letter to the Editor titled "Liberals can't handle the truth" in the March 13, 2025 edition. It takes time and effort to write such a letter so thank you Mr. Young.

In our courts, witnesses are sworn to give the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Cross examination is key to eterming truth. We are not in court so the best we can hope for is fact checking.

Regarding whether DOGE is constitutional, we need to fact check. Cabinet departments are created legally through a bill that passes both houses of Congress and is signed into law by the President. If DOGE was not created in this fashion, then ipso facto it is not lawful. We are a country ruled by laws.

Regarding "liberals" losing the 2024 election badly, we can fact check here too. Trump won 49.81% of the popular vote (total 77,303,568) and 312 electoral votes. Harris won 48.34% of the popular vote (total 75,019,230) and 226 electoral votes. Others received 1.85% 0f the popular vote (total 2,878,359). Can one soberly say receipt of less than 50% of the popular vote is a "mandate"?

In 1972, when author Sal Alinsky wrote his "Rules for Radicals", research indicates that Trump was a Democrat. He registered as a Republican in 1987 after returning from Moscow. He flip flopped a few times and then returned to the Republican Party in 2012. Interestingly, the folks who seem to have best learned from Alinsky are Steve Bannon and others on the Trump team.

Did Teddy Roosevelt say "If you want to make a conservative angry, lie to them (sic). If you want to make a liberal angry, tell them (sic) the truth."

Actually, there is no evidence the 26th President ever made the remark. The remark is nonetheless promoted by Turning Point USA on Facebook. Facebook no longer fact checks. The remark is also attributed to Winston Churchill and later Rush Limbaugh.

Teddy Roosevelt reportedly had a strong belief in social justice. He reportedly believed that human welfare was more important than property rights.

So lying to conservatives makes us angry? I think it depends entirely on who is lying. My tribe can lie.Your tribe better not.

Outside the MAGA echo chamber, one can learn a great deal. Venture out sometime everybody.

In the Summer of 2016 ultra conservative Charles Krauthammer wrote regarding Trump's character: "This is beyond narcissism. I used to think Trump was an eleven year old, an undeveloped schoolyard bully. I was off by about ten years. His needs are more primitive, an infantile hunger for approval and praise, a craving that can never be satisfied. He lives in a cocoon of solipsism (e.g. selfcenteredness) where the world outside himself has value - indeed exists - only insofar as it sustains and inflates him ... (He) is dangerously out of the mainstream and tempermentally unfit to command the nation."

Earlier on or about March 16, 2016, conservative author Brad Thor told Glenn Beck that "you should demand more of a candidate than Trump followers are demanding of Trump, particularly honesty, integrity, and accountability, which is not being asked for by anybody who follows him"

Glenn Beck asked Thor, "Do you believe there's a ... chance that he becomes a Vladimer Putin here in America?"

Thor answered, "I think there's absolutely no question."

Thor went on to say he was reluctantly voting for Hillary Clinton. He said she would be a disaster for the country but we could survive and come out on the other side stronger. I don't think we can survive Trump."

From January 2017 to January 2021 the guardrails held.

Regarding the election in November 2024, journalist Andrew Coyne wrote: "Nothing mattered, in the end. Not the probable dementia, the unfathomable ignorance, the emotional incontinence; not, certainly, the shambling, hate-filled campaign, or the ludicrously unworkable anti-policies. The candidate out on bail in four jurisdictions, the convicted fraud artist, the adjudicated rapist and serial sexual predator, the habitual bankrupt, the stooge of Vladimer Putin, the man who tried to overturn the last election and all of his creepy retinue of crooks, ideologues and lunatics: Americans took a long look at all this and said, yes please."

Recently on March 11, 2025, Will Weissert wrote an article in The Holland Palladium titled - "Trump loves Gilded Age tariffs: It was a great time for the rich but not for the many." President Trump, he writes, is fascinated with President McKinley. The time from 1870 to 1913 was a time rife with government and business corruption, social turmoil and inequality. Nobody in the Gilded Age economy - except for the very rich - wanted to live in the Gilded Age economy. The rapid growth in those years was mostly fueled by millions· of immigrants joining the workforce. We also seized land from Native Americans (hmmm, today think Greenland, Canada, Panama Canal). We exploited natural resources (hmmm, today think Ukranian and Canadian minerals). What Trump does not want to consider is today's economy is immeasurably different than in McKinley's time. Then products were fully assembled in the USA, then exported. Not today. This is not 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900.

If you want to make a conservative (or substitute MAGA member if you wish) angry, someone said lie to him.

When do you start feeling angry in 2025? Grocery prices remain high. Chaos is up. Corruption seems up. Tariffs are on, tariffs are off, tariffs are on, etc.

It is nice to be an insider if you are playing the stock market. Retirement accounts are down. Airplane crashes are up. Measles is back. VA workers are being fired. Social Security is being tampered with to impugn it and later privatize it. Basically, if someone urinates on you and tells you it is raining, do you believe him or do you finally get angry?

PS The iconic movie statement "You can't handle the truth!" comes from the 1992 film "A Few Good Men" where Col. Nathan Jessup (Jack Nicholson) shouts it during a courtroom scene Lt. Daniel Kaffee (Tom Cruise) was challenging Jessup's authority and illegal actions, e.g. ordering violent extrajudicial punishments ("Code Red") to discipline Marines. Essentially hiding the truth to cover for illegal actions taken outside the rule of law.

W. DeHoek
Allegan

Obituaries

Morris Willard Handlogten, 92

Handlogten, Morris Willard of Allegan, Michigan was born at home in Grand Rapids, MI and passed away peacefully with family at Rose Garden - Kent County at the age of 92. He was: Preceded in death by his Father Henry, Mother Bessie, Wife Norma (Shafer), & Sister Lucy Okke. Survived by Daughter Deborah Dufour, Son Roger Handlogten, 7 Grandchildren & 14 Great-Grandchildren.

Morris Willard Handlogten

As a 7-year-old, his Uncle Ben taught him how to play Little Joe Wrangler on his 1st guitar. He remembers moving to Ypsilanti, where Bessie Riveted and Henry Wired B-24's for WWII. In HS he was known as "Mook" and played Varsity Football 4 years, while working 3 jobs as a paper boy & nights at Heckman Bakery and Home Acres Block Co to help support his family. After graduation he joined the Army and served his country in Korea, being trained as a Medic in Japan. He was known as Doc and saved lives at Heartbreak Ridge & on the front lines, later ending his service at Navy Pier in Chicago. Motto: Do the right thing!

Morris met Norma on a blind date in GR. They were married 6/11/1955 and were married for 65 years, residing in many homes he built, including their home on Miner Lake in Allegan and in Spring Hill FL. He was a Carpenter & Home Builder and moved his first purchased home by jacking up a 2-story farmhouse and using logs to roll it a mile across the field onto his new foundation that he said, "fit perfectly". In his late 40's he retired and they enjoyed traveling out West, Branson MO, & the South.

He was the "rock" of his family - teaching honesty, hard work, dedication and will power. He always had a smile on his face, was positive, yet expected your best! He taught Rog & Deb to Water Ski with a One Foot Beach Take Off! Why get wet? Music/Guitars, Motor Cross, Golf,

Waterskiing, Boating, Flea Markets, Building, Creating, Antique Car & Truck Restoration

Projects were his love along with Family, Friends, Tall Stories, & The Gift of Gab!

Morris believed in God and was looking forward to Heaven. He was a loving & kind friend to all and will be missed by family, friends, and neighbors. The family will have a Celebration of Life for Morris and Norma on Sunday April 27, 2025, at Ofield Funeral Home 4500 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. 1-2 pm Visitation and 2-3 pm Service/Sharing/Tall Stories.

Donations can be made to Rose Garden or Emmanuel Hospice who both did a remarkable job of love and care for him.

Mary Elizabeth (Mahan) Hardy, 88

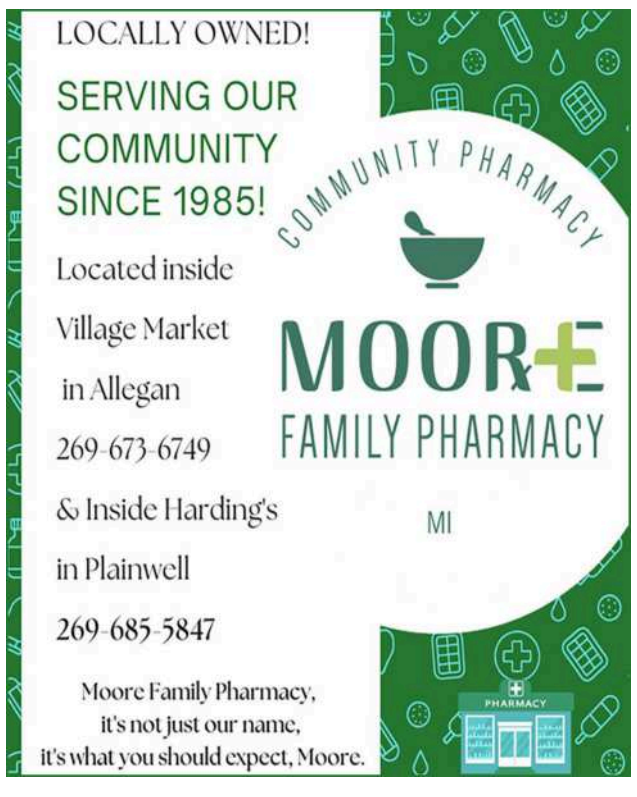
Mary Elizabeth (Mahan) Hardy passed peacefully with family by her side at home in Allegan, Michigan, on April 6, 2025. Mary was born on March 10, 1937, in Plainwell, Michigan to James and Mary (Evans) Mahan. Mary was married to Dean Hardy until his passing in 2013. She was a well-educated woman with a bachelor's in teaching through Western Michigan and then achieving a doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine. She was a member of the Temple Sakkara, and Sisterhood of Emerald, with which she devoted a lot of her time. She was a believer in all things but cherished her faith in Christianity. Mary taught physical education through Hopkins, Wayland, and eventually retiring through Martin at the end of her career.

Mary Elizabeth Hardy

She is survived by her sons Mark Hardy and John Hardy; grandchildren Holly Hardy, Josh Hardy, Derick Hardy, Faith Hardy, James Hardy, and Ash Hardy.

Preceded in her death are her parents James and Mary (Evans); son Steven Hardy; siblings Nancy Lemke, and James Mahan.

Mary's funeral service will start at 11:00am on Friday, April 25th, 2025, in Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, 528 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010. Inurnment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery.



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Genetski: Avoid delays in preparing for Real ID

Clerk Worries for Those in Unique Situations as New Regs Go into Effect May 7th

(Allegan, Michigan) With less than one month to go before federal agencies implement requirements that travelers use an Enhanced Identification or a REAL – ID compliant driver's license or ID card to board a domestic airline flight or to enter federal buildings, county clerks are seeing an uptick in business for vital records.

"We are seeing a very noticeable increase of people- roughly 20%- in the office to obtain birth certificates, marriage licenses, and court orders relative to divorce and name changes, and I expect the numbers to gradually increase as we get closer to May 7th," noted Allegan County Clerk Bob Genetski. "Many of them tell us that they are heading straight from our office to Secretary of State Branch Office to obtain a REAL – ID."

In order to secure the enhanced driver's license or ID, individuals need to bring with them a certified U.S. birth certificate with a stamp or raised seal or a valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card or other approved citizenship or legal presence document to a Secretary of State office. Genetski noted the average customer can be in and out of the Allegan County Courthouse with a certified birth certificate or certified court documents in about 15 minutes.

"However, on occasion people have unique situations that will delay their ability to obtain the REAL – ID, and I really want to reach out to those people and ask them to start the process early to avoid the stress of missing an important flight etc."

According to the Secretary of State's website, "If your name is different from what's on your birth certificate, you'll need to bring in a certified name-change document, such as your marriage license or court order. Multiple documents may be needed if your name has changed more than once. Name-change documents must show both the changed name and the previous name. Divorce decrees may be used if they are certified (copies are not accepted) and if they show the changed name and the previous name."

Genetski added, "the folks needing the 'multiple documents' might have to contact multiple counties or the state depending on where they were born, where they were married or where they were divorced, so they will want to start the process earlier. My heart broke for one woman I spoke to yesterday who was just realizing that her marriage license from years ago was not filed with the County. Her effort to obtain the REAL – ID is going to take longer because of that."

The Clerk's Office is located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan and is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Those requesting a copy of their Birth Certificate will need to bring a current I.D. and $10 for a certified copy (checks and credit cards accepted). It's never a bad idea to call ahead with any questions (269) 673-0450.

Last year, Allegan County issued 805 marriage licenses. The 48th Circuit Court conferred 45 name changes while 327 divorce decrees were signed.

Allegan Jaycees honored at national convention

JCI USA held their 2024 Year End Convention April 3rd-6th in Chicago IL. During the awards, the Allegan Jaycees were recognized.

For individual awards, Taylor Bentley received a Presidential Medallion from National President Vanessa Birchler for her outstanding work as a new member, and Kayleigh Gratz was one of three in the nation to receive the R. Bradley Trafton Award for Outstanding State Executive Officer.

Projects get submitted into different categories, depending on their purpose. The Allegan Jaycees' Christmas Adopt-a-Family project was selected as the top Global Goals project in the country. Global Goals projects are those that set out to address needs that fall in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals- for example, those focused on addressing poverty, improving sustainability, quality of life, etc. The Christmas Adopt-a-Family program provides families in need with gifts and a Christmas dinner just before the holidays.

This past year the chapter focused greatly on working with local businesses more, as opposed to doing much of the shopping at box stores. We also received a sponsorship, and the added funding allowed the chapter to afford to fund a wheelchair ramp for someone else. These improvements contributed greatly to the local economy and improved sustainability, in addition the the project's purpose of improving quality of life for those in need.

The Christmas Adopt-a-Family project was selected by JCI USA to move on to judging at Junior Chamber International Conference of the Americas in Roatan Honduras in May. If it is selected there, it could move on to World Congress in Tunisia in the fall. This is the first time that the Allegan Jaycees have had a project submitted for consideration to the international level.

The Allegan Jaycees are an organization that empowers young people to create positive change. Members are between the ages of 18-40, and learn leadership development through running community projects. People join for a variety of reasons- personal skill development, community development, business and entrepreneurship, and international cooperation. If interested in learning more, visit alleganjaycees.org.

Attached are a photos of the Adopt A Family project and Kayleigh accepting the awards at national convention.

Board chooses Lombard to lead Fennville Schools

Following Monday's Fennville Board of Education meeting, the Board announced that Albert Lombard has been offered the position of Superintendent. Mr. Lombard has been a teacher and principal in the District for the past 20 years. He has also served as a math instructional coach and athletics coach.

The Board will now enter into contract negotiations with Mr. Lombard after a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Lombard will continue as high school principal for the remainder of the school year and lead the process of finding the building's next leader.

Public Notice

Red Gate - Hapke

Atlas Tower 1, LLC proposes the construction of a 260 ft. lattice communications tower (264 ft with appurtenances) located at 4800 109th Avenue, Pullman, MI 49450, in Allegan County at latitude 42° 29" 1.12"N (NAD83) and longitude -86° 0' 33.10"W (NAD83). The proposed tower will not require lighting for FAA aviation safety. The proposed tower can be identified by FCC Form 854 File Number A1311801. Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the FCC Form 854 File Number A1311801. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the proposed structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. The Federal Communications Commission strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online; instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The mailing address for interested parties that would prefer to file a Request for Environmental Review by paper copy: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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April 17, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S DRAFT FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2025-2029

Michigan is required to prepare a formal State of Michigan Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (the Consolidated Plan). The Consolidated Plan proposes an action strategy by which needs will be addressed through five program years. The consolidated plan being proposed covers FY25 through FY 29 anticipated allocations. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is responsible for preparing and soliciting comments from the public regarding the draft plan and its subsequent amendments.

The **comment period** will commence on Thursday, April 17, 2025, and end on Friday, May 16, 2025. In-person public hearings will be held at the MSHDA Lansing office, 735 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm and at the MSHDA Detroit office, 3028 W. Grand Boulevard 4-600, Detroit on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 1 -2 pm. A special virtual public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 9 am – 9:30 am via Microsoft Teams, Meeting ID: 235 535 525 234 7, Passcode: JP9or2Vi OR call in (audio only) +1 248-509-0316, 750 034 541#, Phone Conference ID: 750 034 541#.

Introduction
Prior to submission for further funding from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development, Michigan is required to publish a five year plan document for public review and comment. The Consolidated Plan proposes an action strategy by which programmatic fund needs will be addressed and reflects activities for program years 2025-2029 beginning July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2030. The plan consists of funding by applicable formula programs: HOME, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and all related programs including CDBG Disaster Recovery, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDs (HOPWA), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), the Recovery Housing Program (RHP), and the Housing Trust Fund (HTF). The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is responsible for preparing the five year plan, annual action plans, as well as the annual Michigan Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and soliciting comments from the public regarding the outcomes tied to the draft Plan and reporting outcomes on an annual basis thereafter. A link to the proposed draft five year plan can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/neighborhoods/michigan-consolidated-plan.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments directly related to the draft Michigan Consolidated Action Plan. Information gathered during the written comment period will be used to substantiate a formal five year Michigan Consolidated Plan.

Individuals and organizations may submit written comments to Tonya Joy, 735 East Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909. **Written comments must be received no later than May 16, 2025**. Comments can also be submitted to the MSHDA Consolidated Plan Coordinator via e-mail to mshda-cdbg@michigan.gov.

Copies of the Michigan Consolidated Action Plan may be downloaded free of charge from the MSHDA website link above.

Special Assistance: Feedback is encouraged from mobility-challenged individuals. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact the MSHDA Neighborhood Development Division at 517-335-2524 to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

This week's question is about tariffs and economy, and how it is impacting your life.

- Man at a gas station on M-89: "We have to have faith in our President that he knows what he is doing. God put him in office, and God doesn't make mistakes. So I say we have to have faith in him and trust him."

-Man, same location: "Well, it doesn't look good right now, but we've been through this before and came out ahead. But what do I know, huh?"

-Couple in front of the Blue Goose Café, Fennville: Woman: Rolled her eyes, "That's what everyone has been talking about all the time. I don't know. I'm worried about our Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid." Man with her: "It's going to get real rough."

-Woman in front of the Allegan Public Library: "()*&^% I can't believe what is going on. This guy is a madman! He's ruining everything. At the end of last year we had a growing economy, and now it looks like we are doing The Great Depression, Part II."

- Woman with her, "I give up. I just plain give up." Starts crying.

-Man in front of the Huntington Bank: "So far, I don't see much difference. I'm not buying a car and I drink Jack Daniels, and that's made in Kentucky, so maybe it won't be so bad, at least for me."

-Woman, same location: "I'm not so worried about what he's doing to the economy; it's the social programs that bother me. You know, food for those who rely on food banks, and education. Things like that."

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Casco fire destroys barn

Fire destroyed a barn and killed many egg laying-chickens on a farm in Casco Township, Allegan County, early Monday morning.

A passerby reported the fire at 972 68th Street at 5:20 a.m.

SHAES responded with mutual aid from Ganges Township FD. Water needed to be shuttled by tankers to the scene.

The barn was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. A second barn was protected from flames.

No human injuries were reported.

The cause remains under investigation.

Photos courtesy South Haven Area Emergency Services (SHAES)

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the April 11, 2025 meeting of the Cheshire Township Board the following Ordinance No. 457 was adopted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the original Ordinance may be inspected or a copy purchased by contacting the Cheshire Township Clerk, Jodi Pinnell, 1061 37th Street, Allegan, MI 49010, 269-521-3440 during regular business hours of regular working days, and at such other times as may be arranged.

TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN
CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 457
ADOPTED: APRIL 11, 2025
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 25, 2025
ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

An Ordinance to amend Section 13.7 of the Cheshire Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 425, as amended) pertaining to the "separation" requirements applicable to a wireless communications support structure.

SECTION 1
AMENDMENT OF SECTION 13.7 PERTAINING TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT STRUCTURE

Section 13.7 of the Cheshire Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 425, as amended) is hereby amended to change the "separation" requirements applicable to a Wireless Communications Support Structure at Item 14, part c(1)(iii) and part d(3)(i) to read as follows:

"14. Wireless Communications Support Structure (including equipment compound and wireless communications equipment).

[subsections a-b are intentionally omitted because no changes are proposed]

c. Information Required with Special Land Use Application.

(1) In addition to any information required for applications for special land use permits pursuant to Section 13.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, applicants for a special land use permit for a communication tower/antenna shall submit the following information:

(i) A scaled site plan clearly indicating the location, type and height of the proposed tower, specifications on all proposed antennas, on-site land uses and zoning, adjacent land uses and zoning (including when adjacent to other municipalities), Land Use Plan classification of the site and all properties within the applicable separation distances set forth in subpart D(3), adjacent roadways, proposed means of access, setbacks from property lines, elevation drawings of the proposed tower and any other structures, topography, parking, and other information deemed by the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission to be necessary to assess compliance with the standards for approval in this Ordinance.

(ii) Legal description and ownership of the parent parcel (and leased parcel, if applicable).

(iii) The distance between the proposed tower and the nearest dwelling unit, and the distance between the tower and the nearest property in a zoning district other than the R-1 Rural Residential District."

[remaining content of subsection c is omitted because no changes are proposed]

d. Specific Standards for Approval of Special Land Use Permit for Wireless Communication Support Structure. In addition to the generally applicable standards for approval of special land use permit applications pursuant to Section 13.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, the applicant for special land use approval of a wireless communications support structure, also sometimes referred to as a "tower", shall present evidence demonstrating compliance with the following standards specific to this land use:

[subsections d(1) and (2) are omitted because no changes are proposed]

(3) Separation.

(i) Separation from off-site uses/designated areas. The tower shall comply with the minimum separation requirements from off-site uses and designated areas as specified in Table 1, measured from the base of the tower to the off-site uses and/or designated areas (straight line measurement):

Table 1

Off-Site Use/Designated Area	Separation Distance
Single-family, two-family or multiple-family residential dwelling uses	200 feet or 300% of height of tower, whichever is greater
Areas in any zoning district other than the R-1 Rural Residential District.	200 feet or 300% of height of tower, whichever is greater
Non-residentially zoned lands and non-residential uses	None; only setbacks apply

SECTION 2

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

This Ordinance shall take effect on the 8th day after publication or on such later date as may be required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Jodi Pinnell, Clerk, Cheshire Township

Amish store fire limited to shed

By Gari Voss

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, at about 5pm, the Bloomingdale Fire Department was called to the Amish Store, aka Bloomingdale Bulk Food Bent N Dent Store, at 44085 County Road 388 west of Bloomingdale. Stephen Lambright was walking to his brother's house to drop off some things and saw smoke coming from the mechanical shed between the back of the store and the silos.

"This did not seem right," shared Stephen. Thinking quickly, Stephen turned off the propane flow and diesel values that supply fuel to the generators in the shed and called the fire department. In addition, he turned off the breakers to the store.

The Bloomingdale Fire Department arrived within minutes and was able to maneuver the hoses around the silos to the maintenance shed to extinguish the flames. "The firemen tore off the siding to get into the walls," related Stephen.

Some damage occurred to the east and southeast sides of the shed. One of the generators was taken offline for repair, but the second generator was fired up that evening and operating fine.

The fire could have been much worse considering that there are large propane gas and diesel tanks situated less than 100 yards from the source of the fire.

"I took a look to see what could have caused the fire," explained Lambright. "It looks like an exhaust pipe was installed too close to the wood. We will have to do a proper repair, plus repair the other generator."

Neighbors and store customers kept close tabs on the progress of the containment. This is a favorite shopping mart in the area. The fire will not deter store operation.

The Bloomingdale Fire Department responded quickly to a fire at the Bloomingdale Bulk Food Bent N Dent Store on Saturday, April 12, 2025, in the afternoon. Photo: D. Stassek

Thanks to quick thinking by Steven Lambright and the response of the Bloomingdale Fire Department, the machanical shed behind the Bloomingdale Bulk Food Store received minimal damage. Photos: G. Voss

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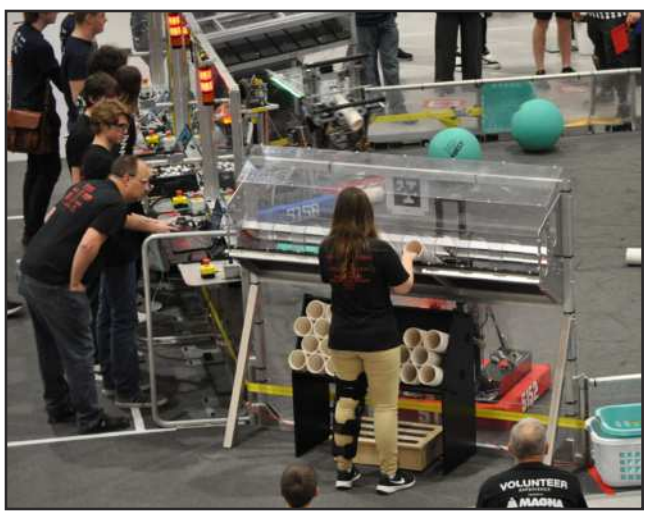
Otsego robotics team wraps up successful season

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Members of the Otsego robotics team, the Alotobots, discuss strategy prior to the start of the FIRST Robotics State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University. (Photo provided)


Members of the Otsego robotics team compete during the FIRST Robotics State Championship. This marked the sixth straight year the Otsego team has qualified for the state competition. (Photo provided)

For the sixth consecutive year, the Otsego High School Robotics Team—the Alotobots (Team 5152)—competed at the FIRST Robotics State Championship.

And while the team fell short of qualifying for the FIRST World Championship in Houston, team coach Michael Miller said the performance at the State Championship—and the season overall—showcased the Alotobot's talent, perseverance and dedication.

"This team overcame so many challenges throughout the season—from programming bugs and mechanical issues to tough matchups on the field," said Miller, a computer science teacher at Otsego High School. "The kids stayed focused, worked together and continued to grow.

"I'm incredibly proud of their efforts, determination and achievements."

The Alotobots had qualified for the World Championship the past three seasons.

Statistically, the Alotobots finished 80th out of 525 teams in Michigan, 421st out of 2,927 teams in the U.S., and 494th out of 3,690 teams worldwide.

"Those are some impressive numbers that reflect the team's hard work and competitiveness," Miller said.

The team ended the season with a 22-23 record and made it to the semifinals at both the Battle Creek and Muskegon district events. Those performances earned the Alotobots a spot at the Michigan State Championship, where they competed with the top teams in the state.

The State Championship took place at Saginaw Valley State University beginning Thursday, April 3, and running through Saturday, April 5.

One of the season's biggest milestones for the Alotobots was earning three official awards—a first in team history.

The team received the Innovation in Control Award (sponsored by nVent) at the Battle Creek event, the Judges' Award at Muskegon and the Creativity Award (sponsored by Rockwell Automation) at the State Championship.

Prior to this year, the team had never earned more than one award in a single season.

The team's programming crew also made waves in the FIRST community by integrating an Oculus-based vision control system—a groundbreaking innovation used by fewer than 10 teams worldwide.

One of the Alotobots' programmers played a key role in developing the code behind this advanced system, pushing the limits of what student-led robotics can achieve.

"As we look ahead to the future, the 2025 season stands as a testament to their creativity, technical ability and team spirit," Miller said. "Even without a trip to Worlds this year, the foundation laid by this team promises exciting things to come."

Plainwell hosts annual Easter Egg Hunt

The weather was good and so was the turnout for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Plainwell's Hicks Park on Saturday, April 12.

The morning included an egg hunt for three ages groups following by prize giveaways and an Easter Walk. The Bronson Trauma team was also on site to hand out free bike helmets.

The egg hunt was a joint effort of First United Methodist Church of Plainwell, First Baptist Church of Plainwell, Friendship Wesleyan Church and Faithway Church. (Photos by Jason Wesseldyk)

Plainwell council set to take action

By John Raffel
Sports Editor

The Plainwell City Council was set to consider approving the Special Event Permit as presented at its meeting on Monday.

The Council was to consider approving the replacement of the Grit pump Wilo Motor by Jett Pump & Valve LLC for $12,218.18.

The Council was also to consider forgoing exercising the City's right of first refusal to purchase buildings No. 17 and No. 18 of the mill complex from GHD, pending the execution of the Right of First Refusal, Utility Access Easement, Amendment to the existing common area easement and party wall agreement, and the Agreement regarding right of first refusal between the City and BizEX Ventures.

The Council was also to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the execution of the agreements subject to this action.

At a recent meeting, Clerk Leonard discussed recommendations from the March 17, 2025 Compensation Commission meeting. Recommendations included a salary increase of $120/year for Council members, and compensation for Special Meetings in excess of 5 per year. The Compensation Commission meets in the spring of odd years and sets pay for elected officials. No motion was necessary to accept the recommendations from the Commission.

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Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers, 211 N. Main Street, Plainwell, Michigan.

The Planning Commission will consider:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 "ZONING" OF THE CITY OF PLAINWELL CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND SEC. 53-175, A, 7 PERTAINING TO ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING RESIDENTIAL PARKING; AND TO AMEND SEC. 53-175, A, 8 PERTAINING TO SHARED PARKING.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views on the proposed conversion prior to action being taken.

Written comments or questions may be directed to JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk, at Plainwell City Hall, 211 N Main St, Plainwell, MI 49080.

City of Plainwell
Planning Commission
By: JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk

Otsego Township

Zoning Board of Appeals
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF OTSEGO TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold their Annual meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 12:00 p.m., at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 N. 16th Street, Otsego, Michigan as required under the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered at the Annual Meeting consist of election of officers for the upcoming year.

Otsego Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to the Otsego Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Otsego Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

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Otsego Township

Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Otsego Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Otsego Township Hall, 400 N. 16th Street, Otsego, MI 49078.

The following items will be heard, considered, and possibly have action taken upon them:

1. A request from Brad Boone of AB & CC Investments, LLC, owner of the property addressed 643 M-89, also known as permanent parcel 03-17-017-042-00, to rezone said property from the AG Agricultural Zoning District to the R-1 Low Density Single-family Residential District. Said property is legally described as follows: THAT PT SE 1/4 SE 1/4 E OF S.T.L. M 89 EX N 33 FT OF THAT PT LYING E OF S.T.L. SEC 17 T1N R12W.
2. Any other such business that comes duly before the Planning Commission.

A copy of agenda items and draft documents is available for viewing during office hours at the above noted address. Members of the public are invited and encouraged to participate in all public hearings and open meetings within the Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Otsego Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk at PO Box 257, Otsego, MI 49078, by phone at 269-694-9434, or by email to jcolin@otsegotownship.org.

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Laskowski named First Team All-State

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—With the loss of All-State guard Brook Simpson to graduation, Saugatuck girls basketball coach Kevin Tringali knew he had some big shoes to fill heading into the 2024-25 season.

Enter Tali Laskowski.

A junior who had previously been home-schooled, Laskowski transferred into Saugatuck for the start of the school year.

She quickly meshed with sophomore guard Mylah Simpson, junior guard Penny Grob and senior forward Kennedy Gustafson to form the core of a Trailblazers team that won SAC Central and district championships.

And for her performance during the season, Laskowski was named First Team All-State by the Michigan Sports Writers/AP.

Tringali praised Laskowski's athleticism and basketball IQ, which he said is off the charts.

"Tali is one of the more athletic kids we have ever had here at Saugatuck," Tringali said. "She also has tremendous instincts and has a great feel for the game as a point guard.

"She always did what that particular game needed her to do offensively, but also was precise, particularly when it came to stealing the ball on the defensive end."

Laskowski started all 25 games for Saugatuck, scoring 428 points for an average of 17.1 points per game. That was second on the team to Mylah Simpson, who went for 17.4 points per game in her 23 games played.

Laskowski shot 47.5 percent from inside the 3-point arc and 30 percent behind it, knocking down 35 triples.

She also led the Trailblazers in assists (5.1 per game) and steals (7.0 per game) and was second to Gustafson in rebounds (4.7 per game).

"Although she was new to our program, Tali instantly fit right in," Tringali said. "She Possesses great leadership skills and made us a better team."

Tringali also noted that with her 428 points this season, Laskowski has the opportunity to reach the 1,000-point milestone in career scoring next year despite only playing two seasons at Saugatuck.

Tali Laskowski is seen in action during a game in the regular season. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Wayland softball opens season with power display

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLENDALE—The Wayland softball team opened its season by traveling to Allendale for a non-conference doubleheader on Monday, April 14.

Second baseball Izzy Johnson was among the Wildcats who already appeared to be in mid-season form.

Johnson went a combined 4-for-6 with three home runs and nine RBI to lead Wayland to the sweep by scores of 13-1 and 16-5.

Both games were stopped early due to the mercy rule, with the opener lasting six innings and the nightcap going five innings.

As a team, Wayland hit seven homers in the twin bill.

Needless to say, Wayland coaching legend Cheri Ritz was pleased with her team's performance, especially at the plate.

"We can hit the ball," Ritz said. "We have nine to 12 players who can hit the ball over the 227-foot fence at our field, so our offense should be pretty good."

The Wildcats were more than good in these games, scoring in nine of the 11 innings the teams played. That included multiple runs in eight innings.

"It was definitely a good start to the season," Ritz said. "The girls were pumped up and ready to play."

Despite the way the games turned out, the opener stayed close for two innings, with the scored deadlocked at 1-1.

But Wayland gradually wore down the Allendale pitching, scoring twice in both the third and fourth innings. The Wildcats then plated three runs in the fifth inning and five runs in the fifth inning.

Johnson finished game one 2-for-3 with a single, a home run and three RBI.

Rae Stallard and Madi Ludema also homered, with Stallard joining Kaylee Lown, Shelby Van Houten and Mackenzie Kositzky with two hits each.

That was more than enough offensive support for Ludema, who threw all six innings for the complete-game victory. She struck out nine, holding Allendale scoreless over the final five frames.

Wayland carried its offensive momentum into the nightcap, scoring three times in the top of the first inning. The Wildcats followed with six runs in the second inning, four in the third and three in the fifth.

Johnson was 2-for-3 with two home runs and six RBI. Lown also homered in her only official at-bat to go with two walks and a sacrifice bunt.

Ludema collected three hits in as many at-bats—two of those hits going for doubles—and drove in a pair of runs. Van Houten also went 3-for-3, as she had two singles, a double and three RBI.

Harmony Laker, who pitched and was credited with the win, also had multiple hits as she went 2-for-4 with a single and a double.

Trailblazers salvage split with Gobles

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GOBLES—After dropping the first game of its SAC doubleheaders against host Gobles by a 12-2 score on Monday, April 14, the Saugatuck baseball team was in need of a boost in the nightcap.

Noah Morgan celebrates at second base after connecting for a double. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Enter senior Cass Stanberry.

Getting the starting assignment on the mound for the Trailblazers in game two, Stanberry scattered five hits and two walks over six innings of work, striking out five. That was enough to help propel Saugatuck to the 4-1 victory and the split.

The second game was stopped after six innings due to darkness.

The games were the first for the Trailblazers in 12 days due to spring break. First-year Saugatuck coach Case O'Neil thinks that layoff might have had something to do with his team's performance in the opener.

"I would say my squad was a little rusty out of the gate from a long spring break," O'Neil said. "But it was nice to see them show some toughness and find their footing in the second game behind an outstanding pitching performance from Cass."

Not that Stanberry did all the work by himself.

Rather, he also had some nice defensive plays made behind him.

"We definitely backed up Cass with some solid defense," O'Neil said. "That included some great plays up the middle by (shortstop) Holden Burd."

The Saugatuck offense, meanwhile, gave Stanberry an early lead, plating a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. Saugatuck extended its lead to 3-0 with a run in the top of the fourth.

Gobles responded with a run in the bottom of the fourth, but that's all the Tigers would get off of Stanberry.

At the plate, Braison Rogalla was the star of the game. In addition to going 3-for-3 with a double, Rogalla also scored three of Saugatuck's four runs.

Noah Morgan added a double and drove in two runs, while Noah DeBoer singled and collected a pair of RBI.

Stanberry continued a walk and a run.

"The doubles by Braison and Noah Morgan were big for us," O'Neil said.

The opening game saw Gobles take control early, jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Saugatuck threatened in the top of the second, getting a one-out double from Morgan. But he was left stranded there, while Gobles plated two more runs in the bottom of the frame to increase its lead to 5-0.

The Trailblazers broke through with two runs in the top of the fourth to narrow the gap to 5-2. But back came the Tigers, responding with four runs in the bottom of the frame to increase their lead.

Rogalla finished 2-for-3, while Morgan added his double, a run and an RBI.

DeBoer and Stanberry each singled, while Nolan LaLonde had a walk and a run.

Hurt drew the starting assignment on the mound and went the first 3.1 innings, allowing eight runs (six earned) on eight hits with a walk and six strikeouts. Sam Bos pitched the final 1.2 innings of the mercy-rule-shortened affair, surrendering four runs (one earned) on four hits with a walk.

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Carter Monette
Plainwell
Track & Field

Senior Carter Monette played a big role in helping the Plainwell boys track & field team post the 73-64 win over rival Otsesgo on Tuesday, April 1.

Not only did Monette win a pair of individual events by taking the 100-meter dash and the 200 dash, but he was also part of the winning 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams.

It was the win by the 4x400 team that sealed victory for Plainwell in the meet's final event.

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Girls Tennis Preview:

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLEGAN

New season.

Same expectations for Allegan.

"It's the same expectations every year for us," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said. "Allegan girls tennis has a long history of contending for conference and regional championships as well as top-10 finishes at the State Finals.

"Last year we fell short on two out of three major goals, taking fourth at regionals, thus not making it to the State Finals. But we expect to do those things this year and as a coaching staff we're going to look hard at the why, how and what of achieving those goals."

The return of seven players—led by junior Addy Fales—should help the Tigers in pursuit of their goals.

Fales is back at No. 1 singles after earning First Team All-State at that flight last year.

"An area of great strength is having Addy back at No. 1 singles for the second year," Arthur said. "Her talent has us up 1-0 on teams before we even play, which is a luxury in this sport."

Also back are fellow juniors Sophia Augustine (No. 3 doubles), Taylor Fuller (No. 1 doubles), Hanna Kievit (No. 1 doubles) and Madison Cook (No. 2 doubles) along with sophomore Ireland Dewey (No. 2 doubles) and senior Lilli Kelley (doubles).

"We have a lot of depth and talent this year, with 14 girls pushing for a top 12 spot on the team," Arthur said. "With that depth, we have a lot of experience too. All the returning players from the program put in a ton of time to their tennis game and it has really shined."

Newcomers include senior exchange students Judith Ducurau and Jazmin Fodor. Senior Shy Thompson joins sophomores Serenity Puente and Kaylee Haas as well as freshman Kendall Halstead as the other newcomers.

"Our newcomers have put in the time during this school year and offseason, making it an incredibly competitive," Arthur said. "The competitiveness has really brought out the best in these girls."

It's a lineup that Arthur believes with be in the hunt for the SAC/Lakeland Conference championship. He expects other contenders to include Berrien Springs, Brandywine, Buchanan, Kalamazoo Christian and Black River

"It will be another great year for the SAC/Lakeland Conference," Arthur said. "Berrien, Buchanan, Brandywine and Black River are bringing back the majority of their teams. All five of the other schools are well coached, and I am looking forward to competitive conference season."

When it comes to the postseason, this will be a history-making season for Allegan, as the girls program will compete at Division 4 for the first time. The Tigers were previously Division 3.

"This program has new opportunities and challenges ahead, which makes me very excited for this year's team," Arthur said.

OTSEGO

There will be several new faces on the Otsego roster this season.

That includes the head coach.

After guiding the program to unprecedented success the past three seasons, Jen Aldrich decided to retire from the coaching ranks.

Taking her place are co-coaches Melissa Garrett and Kim Kissel.

On the player side of the equation, the Bulldogs lost seven players to graduation from a team that won the Wolverine Conference title for finished the season ranked in the top 10 in Division 3.

That includes Aly Aldrich, who held down the No. 1 singles spot the past four seasons.

Despite those changes in personnel, Garrett is optimistic that Otsego can continue the success it has enjoyed the past several years.

"We graduated a super talented class in 2024," She said. "However, we are ready to compete this year and look forward to promising season."

Senior Cierra Swope is one the five returning players. She'll move from No. 3 doubles to No. 1 doubles. Junior Ellie Korringa, who played at No. 2 doubles last year, will be Swope's partner.

Junior Hailey Burd is making the shift from No. 2 doubles to singles, while sophomore Lydia Griffith will stay at singles after playing No. 3 last year.

Sophomore Sara McCaw, fourth singles a year ago, can play either singles or doubles.

"Sara's a very versatile player," Garrett said.

Among the newcomers who could make an impact are senior Manu Marchi, junior Hope Stender, sophomore Stella Houseman and freshman Alie Bronson.

The Otsego girls tennis team is now under the leadership of co-coaches Melissa Garrett and Kim Kissel following the retirement of Jen Aldrich. (Photo provided)

"Manu will be making her debut in singles this season and Hope will be one to watch" Garrett said. "Stella is powerhouse at the net with a ton of potential and a growth mindset, while Alie has lots of promise and motivation.

"Laney Sweet, Ava Ingold and Greta Robbers are also first-year varsity players who are ready to work hard and grow this season."

All in all, it's a group that Garrett believes is full of potential.

"This is a great group of talented athletes and I think Otsego will surprise a lot of opponents this year," Garrett said. "The girls have put a lot of effort in during the off season and it's paying off.

"This year will be about gaining match experience, as we have lots of up and coming talent with this group."

If the younger players are able to learn as the season progresses, Garrett believes the Bulldogs will once again be in the hunt for a Wolverine Conference title.

"We have great team chemistry and work ethic," she said. "That will pave the way for success and growth this year."

Note: *No preview information was received from Hamilton, Plainwell or Wayland.*

MHSAA Representative Council takes action at Winter Meeting

EAST LANSING—The Michigan High School Athletic Association's Representative Council held its winter meeting in East Lansing late last month.

The Plainwell competitive cheer team qualified for the Division 2 State Finals this year. The Finals will be pushed back a week next season due to facility conflicts. (File photo)

Among the actions taken was one aimed at alleviating a facility issue related to the State Finals for competitive cheer.

In a proposal from the Competitive Cheer Committee, it was recommended that the MHSAA adjust the competitive cheer season calendar for the 2025-26 season only, with championship meets taking place one week later than usual. The Council approved this request.

Therefore, for the 2025-26 school year only, the first competitive cheer practice date will be Nov. 10, 2025, with the first contest date Nov. 24. Districts are scheduled for Feb. 20 to 21, 2026; Regionals for Feb. 28; and the State Finals for March 6 and 7 at McGuirk Arena at Central Michigan University.

CMU has hosted the MHSAA Competitive Cheer Finals the last three seasons, but is scheduled to host the 2026 Mid-American Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships during the MHSAA's previously scheduled Competitive Cheer Finals dates.

Dates for the 2026-27 and future competitive cheer seasons will return to their previously-approved schedule, with State Finals to be held during the last Saturday (and previous day Friday) in February.

In ice hockey, the Council voted to increase the number of regular-season games allowed to 27 with one scrimmage, approving an Ice Hockey Committee proposal that requested the addition of two contests.

The Council also voted to make permanent the "AD Connection Program" that has been piloted the last two school years. This program matches first-year high school athletic directors with recently-retired mentors, who provide assistance to those new administrators as they transition into athletic administrator roles.

The program connected 248 first-year athletic directors with mentors during its pilot period.

The Council also approved a series of proposals that lay the groundwork for the inaugural MHSAA-sponsored girls field hockey season that will be played this fall.

The Council approved four proposals put forth by the Field Hockey Committee. These proposals include one that set the first practice date for this upcoming season as Aug. 11, 2025, with the first contest date Aug. 15. The first MHSAA Final to be played Oct. 25.

Another approved proposal implements MHSAA Handbook regulations setting contest limits for teams at 18 dates and four scrimmages, introducing the fifth-quarter rule and creating guidelines for multi-team tournaments and cooperative programs.

The Council also approved a proposal for a single-division MHSAA Girls Field Hockey Tournament with four Regionals.

The Michigan Power Ratings formula will be used to identify the top four teams statewide during the regular season. Those teams will receive top seeds and be placed one apiece in each Regional, with the rest of the Regional assignments then based on geography.

■ see MHSAA, Page B3

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Allegan's Edwards Jr. named Second Team All-State

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLENDALE—Allegan junior basketball standout Quentin Edwards Jr. knows a thing or two about scoring, as evidenced by his school-record 44-point effort in a game this season.

But there's more to Edwards' game than simply putting the ball in the basket, according to Allegan boys basketball coach DeAndre Thrash.

"People see all the points Quentin scores, but what they don't see is all the work he puts in," Thrash said. "Yes, he's a talented scorer. But he's one of the guys who shows up at 5 a.m. before school to get extra work in and will take 300 shots.

"He also makes the guys around him better and gets after it on the boards. Plus, he has a 3.8 or 3.9 GPA in the classroom, which just shows even more the work ethic he has."

For his performance this year, Edwards received inclusion on the Michigan Sports Writers All-State team as a Second Team selection.

Given his gaudy statistics this season—which included 24.5 points per game, 5.5 rebounds per game and 4 assists per game—Thrash wasn't overly surprised when he heard about Edwards' All-State honor.

"When you have the kind of season Quentin did this year, people are going to notice that," Thrash said. "He's been a scorer ever since he joined the team as a freshman, and he keeps getting better and better each year."

That fact that Edwards received All-State recognition also serves as an inspiration to the younger players in the high school, middle school and youth programs in Allegan.

"When the younger players see Quentin being named All-State, that means something to them," Thrash said. "Allegan hasn't been known as a hotbed for basketball, but the other kids can look at Quentin and think 'if he can do it, I can do it.' It gives them someone to look up to and let's them know more is possible than they might have thought."

In addition to his production on the floor, Edwards also continues to improve his game in other ways, according to Thrash.

Namely, Edwards has stepped into the role of a team leader.

"His first two years on varsity, Quentin had other guys around who were viewed as the leaders, including a guy like Luke Ellis during Quentin's freshman season," Thrash said. "This year, though, it was Quentin's turn to step up and be more of a leader. And he did that really well.

"That, to me, has been the most fun part of coaching Quentin. Of course it's fun to watch him improve his game, but I've really enjoyed watching him mature as a leader and a young man."

And Edwards isn't done trying to improve, as he's looking forward to a big senior season.

"I really think the sky's the limit for Quentin next year," Thrash said. "I have no doubt he'll keep working as hard as he ever has. He's also playing AAU basketball in Grand Rapids, which will only make him better.

"He's going to be fun to watch."

Allegan junior Quentin Edwards Jr. handles the ball for the Tigers in a game this season. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Plainwell's Chib Amaezechi honored with All-State selection

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—Plainwell boys basketball coach Larry Ash knows that, on the surface, Chib Amaezechi's statistics from the 2024-25 season weren't necessarily eye-popping.

He also knows that the reason for that isn't because the junior standout is unable to put up bigger numbers. Rather, it's a byproduct of Amaezechi's willingness to buy into the team-first mentality Ash has tried to instill in the program.

"Chib could have scored a lot more than he did," Ash said. "He's one of the most physically gifted players I've ever coached, and he could be a guy who shoots the ball 20 times a game.

"But that's not who he is as a player or as a person. He's very unselfish, and he cares more about the team success than he does his own (stats)."

Amaezechi's unselfishness was rewarded by inclusion on the Michigan Sports Writers Division 2 All-State team.

Amaezechi made the list as an honorable mention selection.

"I was really surprised, to be honest," Amaezechi said of receiving All-State recognition. "There are a lot of great players in Division 2, and to be included in that group with them is pretty special."

Plainwell junior Chib Amaezechi drives to the basket during the Trojans' district title game against Parchment. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Amaezechi, who averaged roughly 12 points, seven rebounds and two steals per game, led the Trojans to their first district championship since 2009.

"We worked really hard this season and we had a lot of fun," he said. "The fact that we didn't have one guy who always needed the ball let us get everyone involved and it really made us a tough team to defend."

While Amaezechi was unselfish on the offensive end of the court, he wasn't afraid to step up when the team needed him.

Several times during the season, that meant driving to the basket and throwing down a thunderous dunk to pump up his teammates and the Plainwell fans.

"I really loved being able to come up with those hype plays for my teammates," Amaezechi said. "You see guys online dunking and getting the crowed hyped up, so it was a lot of fun to be able to do that for my team and our fans."

Two of those dunks came on back-to-back possessions during Plainwell's upset win over Parchment in the district title game. The Trojans had been trailing at the time, but those dunks served as the turning point in Plainwell's comeback win.

"We don't win that game if Chib doesn't come up with big plays like that," Ash said.

This season also marked the third and final campaign Amaezechi had playing alongside older brother John, a senior who will graduate next month.

Spending time on the court with his brother is something Amaezechi says he'll never forget.

"I loved playing with John," he said. "We obviously know each other really well, so we worked really well together on the court. We made a lot of great memories playing together, and I'm going to miss having him next to me next season."

Speaking of next season, Amaezechi is already preparing for the 2025-26 campaign by playing on an AAU team based in Niles and coached by Niles High School head coach Myles Busby.

Ash believes the experience will only make Amaezechi a better player and leader.

"(Busby) is a great coach and I'm really happy Chib gets the opportunity to play for him," Ash said. "Playing with a different group of guys and taking on a different role with that team is really going to make him a better player.

"And it was really cool because the guys on that team sent Chib a video saying how much they wanted him to come play for them. It meant a lot to me as his coach, because I know what kind of player he is and it's nice to have guys from other teams recognize that."

In terms of goals for his senior season, Amaezechi—unsurprisingly—is focused more on the team aspect than the individual aspect.

"I want to win a regional championship," he said. "My sophomore year, we got beat in the district final and then came back and won the district title this year. But we lost in regionals, so I want to take that next step next season."

Saugatuck softball drops twin bill to Gobles

The Saugatuck softball team traveled to Gobles for a SAC doubleheader on Monday, April 14, and came away with a pair of losses.

The Trailblazers faced a 7-5 deficit through six innings of the opener before rallying for four runs in the top of the seventh inning to take the 9-7 lead. But Gobles responded with four runs in the bottom of the frame to collect the 11-9 win.

Game two saw Saugatuck fall behind 6-0 after three innings, with the Trailblazers unable to recover. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

MHSAA ■ *from Page B2*

The final Field Hockey Committee proposal approved by the Council adopted overtime procedures for MHSAA Tournament play—6-on-6 with goalies and 1-on-1 with an attacking player and a goalie—that will be optional for regular-season bracketed tournament play.

The Representative Council is the legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five members are elected by member schools.

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Book Review: Animal Pound

The Bookworm Sez

"Animal Pound"

by by Tom King, Peter Gross, and Tamra Bonvillain

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Like them or not, here are the rules.

One, two, three, now you know, so accept them because there's no other choice. This is how things are. Take this to heart – but watch. As in the new book "Animal Pound" by Tom King, Peter Gross, and Tamra Gbonvillain sometimes rules change, and it ain't pretty.

Madame Fifi remembered Lucky well, and she still held his teachings close.

Lucky was a good boy; before he got his needle, he counseled her, and taught her how things worked and how former pets were mistreated. Madame Fifi thought about Lucky often; she kept his legacy alive and, along with the good dog named Titan, she honored him.

First, she created a way for the animals to organize themselves: each cat introduced itself to a dog and once they knew their neighbors, Madame Fifi and Titan opened the cages to set the animals free. The dogs then eliminated those who controlled the needles. When the last man was gone from the pound, there was celebration.

And there were immediate problems: the dogs began to chase and kill the rabbits, who wondered if freedom was such a good idea after all. So Madame Fifi created a voting system, and Titan was elected as the first leader.

He protected the rabbits by devising a way to get food.

It involved getting Piggy, the bulldog, on-camera.

Piggy was larger-than-life and attracted donors who loved watching his antics online. It didn't take long before he was earning a lot of money, more than anyone else at the pound. Outsiders thought he was charming, funny, charismatic, and so did the pound's dogs, who soon made him their newest leader.

But Piggy talked big, promoting and praising himself, squashing anyone who displeased him. This frightened Madame Fifi, who'd noticed "a horrible miracle."

Piggy had begun to dream of power and big change at the pound – awful, unequal change – and against their better interests, dogs, cats, and rabbits agreed with him…

It's been eighty years since "Animal Farm" was published and, though countless high school classes have read and discussed George Orwell's book, authors King, Gross, and Bonvillain say in their introduction that the original isn't the "urgently relevant warning it once was."

Fortunately, "Animal Pound" is, with an updated version of the story that possesses the same chill as the original, one that modern readers won't be able to miss. Like in the original, there are lessons to be found but current events are embedded, too, so beware the controversy and conversation points within. If you're still undaunted, you'll appreciate that this version's written in graphic novel form, which makes it more appealing to a wider audience – especially those for whom comic books and colorful artwork are the reading go-to.

Perfect for high school students who want a nice companion to Orwell's book, this can also be enjoyed by older middle-schoolers or by anyone who's long past graduation. If that's you and you loved (or want to revisit) the original, "Animal Pound" rules.

All the books the Bookworm reviews here are available at the sponsor of this column:

Allegan District Library

Student arts grants offered

The GFWC Gun Lake Area Women's Club offers financial help in the form of Art Grants to help pay for that Theatrical, Musical, Creative Movement/ Dance, Literary or Visual Arts program. The Grants are awarded to incoming 9 th -12 th graders at the following Gun Lake Area school systems: Delton Kellogg Martin Public Thornapple Kellogg Wayland Union Applications are being accepted now and are due by May 20, 2025.

To apply for a grant, please immediately go to barrycf.org for details. If you need help, contact Annie Halle at annie@barrycf.org or call 269-945-0526.

Kids Day Event at Ransom Library

Help Me Grow Allegan will host their 3rd annual "Let's Talk About Books, Balls, Blocks, and Bounce" Kid's Day Event at The Ransom District Library on Friday, May 2nd, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This free event is open to all Allegan County children ages 0-5 and aims to prepare young learners for preschool and kindergarten.

Families attending will enjoy a fun-filled morning featuring beloved PBS character Daniel Tiger from WGVU, who will be available for photo opportunities. The event will also include face painting, raffle prizes, giveaways, and interactive activities designed to promote early childhood development.

In addition to entertainment, valuable developmental, hearing, and vision screenings will be available onsite to help detect early childhood delays. These screenings provide a crucial opportunity for families to ensure their children are on track for school readiness. A variety of community resources will be on site as well.

NOTICE
City of Fennville

Approved commercial redevelopment tax abatement for 312 E Main St. for 12 years. Approved Interurban Transit Authority Contract, 3,000 increase. Approved Change Orders for Paradise Park $31,000 reduction in contingency funds with $19,000 left. Approved hiring of summer intern at $6,000. Approved special event permits for Memorial Day Parade and Household Hazardous Waste Day. Held Budget Workshop

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OnPoint operates as a Policy Governance Board created by Section 226 of the Michigan Mental Health Code.

Term lengths for board members are three (3) years. OnPoint Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm with committees meeting prior.

Interested Allegan County residents may submit a completed application to:

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Email: administration@allegancounty.org

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Applications are available online at https://onpointallegan.org/board-center/ or call County Administration at 269-673-0239 to request that an application be mailed.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2025. THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. ON SAID DAY OF ELECTION.

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School Proposals

OTSEGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $46,500,000. Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Otsego Public Schools, 400 Sherwood Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078, telephone: (269) 692-6066. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES. **DELTON KELLOGG SCHOOLS** GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $43,000,000. Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Delton Kellogg Schools, 327 North Grove Street, Delton, Michigan 49046-9701, telephone: (269) 623-1500. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES. **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND** OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 19.2523 MILLS FOR 3 YEARS. Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of School District of the City of Holland, 320 West 24th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, telephone: (616) 494-2000. **CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 18.7741 MILLS FOR 5 YEARS AND .5 MILL FOR 5 YEARS FOR HEADLEE RESTORATION PURPOSES, IF NECESSARY. Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Caledonia Community Schools, 8948 Kraft Avenue SE, Caledonia, Michigan 49316-9411, telephone: (616) 891-8185. **ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS** Operating Millage Renewal Proposal. This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.6727 mills ($18.6727 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Zeeland Public Schools, Ottawa and Allegan Counties, Michigan, be renewed for the year 2026, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2026 is approximately $11,355,713 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy)? **OTTAWA AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT** SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL This proposal will allow the intermediate school district to continue to levy the special education millage previously approved by the electors and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 1.2425 mills ($1.2425 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation), on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, Michigan, to provide funds for the education of students with a disability, be renewed for a period of 18 years, 2027 to 2044, inclusive, and also be increased by .5000 mill ($0.5000 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 20 years, 2025 to 2044, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 is approximately $4,545,865 from local property taxes authorized herein (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

For a full list of all candidates and proposals, please visit our website at www.allegancounty.org or www.michigan.gov/sos

Bob Genetski, Allegan County Clerk/Register

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

April 17, 1950

Students give views on controversial topics: Student opinion on controversial topics seems to be pretty well standardized, if a recent survey in Allegan High School is any indication.

Queried on such topics as communism, the atomic bomb, United Nations, college scholarships, labor laws, making money and careers, local students followed the national average in their opinions.

Allegan High School voted 75 percent to oust the Communist party, while the total from all schools averaged 75.4 percent to oust the party. In Allegan, students voted 76.6 percent to the average of 74.6 percent "yes" to the question whether labor laws should protect the individual worker whether they join the union.

The average was 74.6 percent affirmative on the question of whether the government should provide money for qualified high school students who could not otherwise afford to go to college. The local vote was 72 percent "yes."

April 17, 1975

Today Allegan, yesterday the world: In 24 years, Debby Brown has been many places and accomplished many things, and she definitely gives the impression she knows where she's going.

Currently, Debby is settling down in Allegan, a town she describes as a country community where "everybody knows everybody else and many people are quietly doing very interesting things."

She is the newest of the five school psychologists with the Allegan County Intermediate School District, and through she looks younger than she is, she effuses wisdom beyond her years.

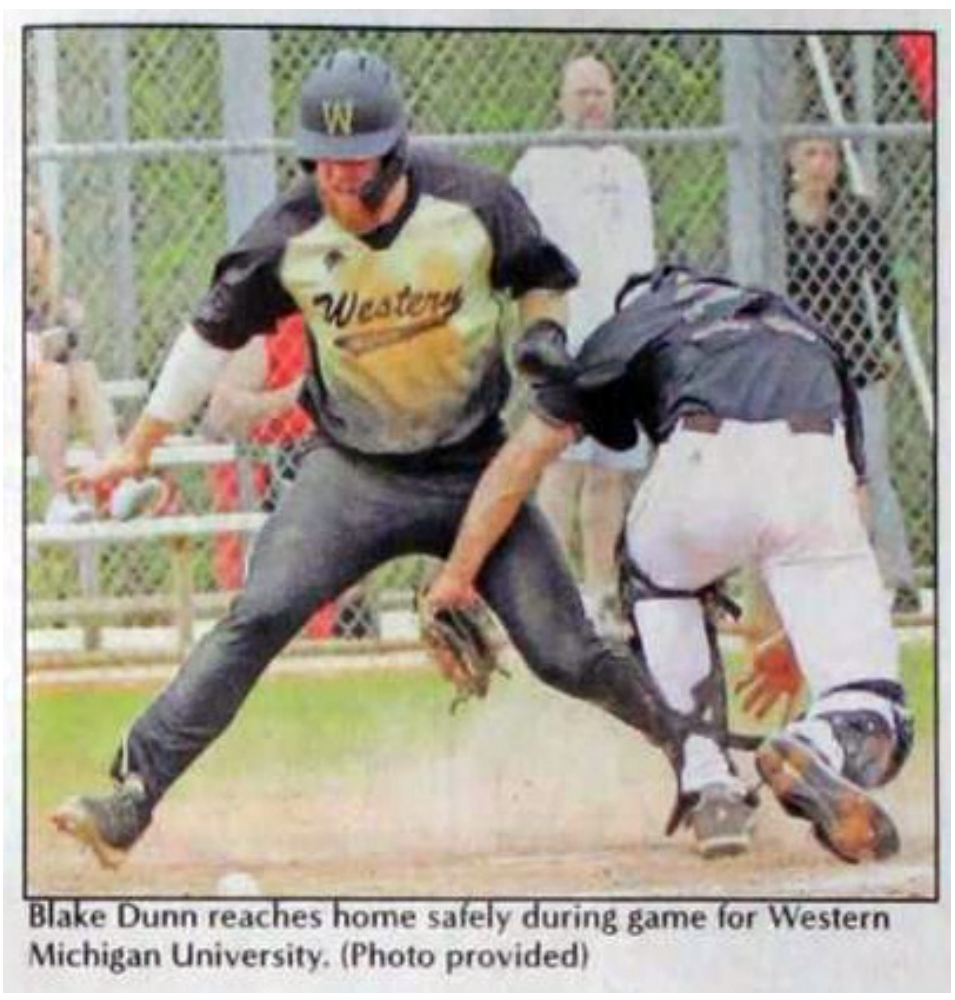
After an internship in St. Joseph County while completing a master's degree at Western Michigan University, Debby ahs been assigned to the Fennville School System, the Hopkins schools and to students in the two-room Glenn schoolhouse.

In those schools, Debby is called upon to administer tests to students on a teacher referral basis, and she is available to consult with teachers about methods for teaching students with learning difficulties.

April 20, 2000

Greig announces retirement: The judgeship of the Allegan County Probate Court will be up for grabs this fall.

George A. Greig, 62, announced he will not seek re-election after six terms and 24 years on the bench.



Blake Dunn reaches home safely during game for Western Michigan University. (Photo provided)

"I'm retiring at the end of the year," he said.

His current term will expire on Dec. 31, 2000. Assistant prosecutor Michael Buck has already filed a petition of candidacy with the county clerk's office. Christopher Anderson, who ran for probate judge six years ago, and attorneys Heidi Wolf and Kevin Cronin are now circulating petitions.

Greig also filed with the county clerk for candidacy. When he understood that Buck, Wolf and Cronin would be running, he said, he withdrew before the March 30 deadline.

"I filed with the intention that I would withdraw when candidates came forward that I could support," Greig explained.

Retirement was a difficult decision for Greig.

"I have had the honor and pleasure of working with many dedicated, caring professionals," he said. "After 24 years, I have developed areas of expertise in dealing with child abuse, neglect, delinquency, guardianships, mentally ill and in general those vulnerable members of our community who cannot care for or look out for themselves."

April 16, 2020

Dunn prepares for MLB draft at home amid uncertainty due to COVID: Blake Dunn and his Western Michigan University baseball teammates were in the team locker room on Thursday, March 12, preparing for a trip to Butler University when they received word the three-day weekend series had been cancelled due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Later that evening, the news went from bad to worse.

"We had a team meeting at seven and Coach told us the season had been officially cancelled," Dunn said. "We'd seen that a bunch of other conferences like the SEC and the PAC 10 had cancelled their seasons, so we knew it was a possibility for us. But it was still tough to hear."

In addition to the team aspect of the season being cancelled, this was a big season for Dunn from an individual standpoint as well.

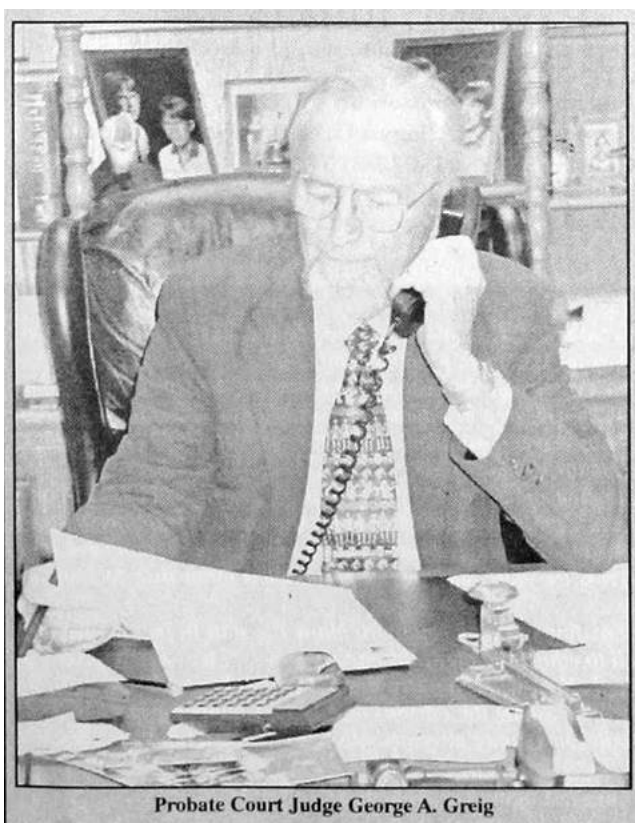
Listed on the pre-season list for the Golden Spikes Award—amateur baseball's equivalent to the Heisman Trophy—following a stellar sophomore campaign at WMU in 2019, Dunn has his sights set on being selected in the Major League Baseball draft.

Not that Dunn did anything to hurt his draft stock in the 15 games WMU did get to play, hitting .288 with two home runs, four doubles, 17 RBI, 15 runs and 11 stolen bases in 13 attempts.

Still, he'd hoped for a full season to showcase his talents.

"Playing professionally has always been a dream of mine, and getting drafted is the first step toward that," Dunn said. "Obviously I would have like the opportunity to play a full season, but I've talked to my advisor and he thinks I'm still in pretty good shape."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk



Probate Court Judge George A. Greig

Debby Brown is the newest of the five school psychologists at the Allegan County Intermediate School District.

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Deaths

March 4, 2025
CLAUDIA ANN CHERRY, 74, Allegan

March 13, 2025
JOHN LAWRENCE BECKER, 67, Saugatuck Twp.

March 23, 2025
JAMES ALLEN PAYNE, 53, Lee Twp

March 24, 2025
JANNA MARIE ZINN, 55, Plainwell

March 29, 2025
JOYCE LYNN KLIFMAN, 66, Lee Twp.

March 30, 2025
THOMAS EDWARD TERMEER, 76, Otsego Twp.
RICHARD MICHAEL SEAMS, 58, Douglas
JOSEPH RONALD CLEMENTS, 58, Lee Twp.

March 31, 2025
CASSANDRA ANN OLIVER, 71, Casco Twp.
JONAH M ROELOFS, 21, Laketown Twp.
TIMOTHY PATRICK DEVITT, 60, Douglas

April 2, 2025
MARK CRAIG HAVEMAN, 70, Trowbridge Twp.
BEVERLY JOAN PARKER, 90, Otsego

April 3, 2025
GLENN DOUGLAS NOBLE, 75, Hopkins
DUANE JON HAYWOOD, 73, Leighton Twp.

April 4, 2025
ELEANOR MAE MILHIEM, 92, allegan

April 5, 2025
BARBARA ANN MILLER, 90, Allegan Twp.

April 6, 2025
HENRY JEFFERSON DENNEY JR, 79, Plainwell
LAURA ELIZABETH MCDANIEL, 70, Wayland

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between April 2 and April 8:

LUCIA ESPERANZA MORIN, Holland, and **ANGEL ISAAC BANDA TORRES**, Dallas, TX
DYLAN DEPREE MCLEAN, Hamilton, and **MORGAN JOY KRAMER**, Hamilton
JOEL CARTER MILLER, Caledonia, and **LILIYA SKUBYAK**, Caledonia
ZACHARY MARK BRUNSINK, Dorr, and **KENDRA NICOLE KUIPER**, Wayland
LANE JEFFREY BENDER, Martin, and **RAYANNE PENELOPE MCCORMICK**, Galesburg
NICHOLAS RYAN PEPPLE, Plainwell, and **MORGAN RAE JAGER**, Kalamazoo
JUAN LUIS GOMEZ, Holland, and **SANITR HANRABUD**, Holland
SAMANTHA RENAE PETERSEN, Otsego, and **FRED KOSS PETERSEN**, Otsego
HECTOR APREZA VIDAL, Fennville, and **MICHELLE ENNETTE KLEEVES KING**, Fennville
KAYLIE ELIZABETH HIGGINS, Dorr, and **ANDREW HOWARD TEUNISSEN**, Dorr
THOMAS HARRY STEINBURG JR, Holland, and **ARLENE GAY SMITH**, Holland
JEFFREY SCOTT TEGROOTENHUIS, Byron Center, and **ANDREA MARIE HABIAN**, Byron center
CAROLINE CLIPPERT GORENFLO, Allegan, and **JOHN OWEN WIELINGA**, Allegan
RANDY LEE KOOPMAN, Allegan, and **GRACE ELIZABETH FENT**, Allegan
RICHARD EARL ELY, Hamilton, and **ROSA MARIA DELGADO**, Hamilton
WILLIAM HENRY BUSH, Fennville, and **JOANNE MARIE THOMAS**, Fennville

Sudoku

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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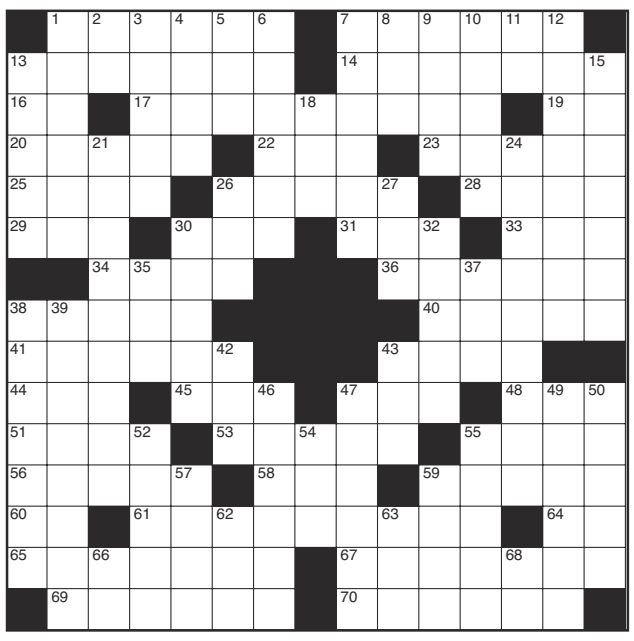
Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Dark blacks
7. Construct a wall to confine
13. Most inappropriate
14. A type of board
16. Sacred Hindu syllable
17. Flatterer
19. The Granite State
20. Tears down
22. China's Chairman
23. Former Houston footballer
25. Periods of time
26. Expressed pleasure
28. World alliance
29. A Brit's mother
30. Television network
31. Brother or sister
33. Type of spirit
34. __ Ladd, actor
36. A medium oversees it
38. One time province of British India
40. Wrong
41. The highest parts of something
43. Insect
44. Baseball stat
45. A way to use up
47. Where wrestlers compete
48. It helps elect politicians
51. As fast as can be done
53. Genus of legumes
55. Samoa's capital
56. Monument in Jakarta
58. Former French coin
59. Exploiters
60. College sports official
61. Uninterrupted in time
64. Stephen King story
65. Marked by no sound
67. Weathers
69. Denouncements
70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN
1. Winged nut
2. It cools a home
3. Kisses (French)
4. Oxford political economist
5. Keyboard key
6. Leaf pores
7. Agrees with publicly
8. Not around
9. Czech city
10. Muscle cell protein
11. Greek letter
12. Movements
13. Ned __, composer
15. Popular series Game of __
18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
21. Helper
24. Gift
26. Up in the air (abbr.)
27. Treat without respect
30. Trims
32. Slang for lovely
35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
37. Guitarists' tool
38. Island nation
39. Delivered in installments
42. A baglike structure
43. Cooking vessel
46. Gets in front of
47. Wounded by scratching
49. More breathable
50. Medical dressings
52. Indiana hoopster
54. Married Marilyn
55. An ancient Assyrian city
57. Congressmen (abbr.)
59. Approves food
62. Ventura's first name
63. Between northeast and east
66. Atomic #71
68. Email designation

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kayla Picolet and Kayla Picolet to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Austin Capital Bank SSB dated June 14, 2019 and recorded June 20, 2019 in Liber 4354, Page 624, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MidFirst Bank by assignment. In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief entered for Plaintiff, MidFirst Bank against Defendant(s), Kayla Picolet in Case No. 24-68997-CH of Allegan County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Said Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief was entered on the 10th day of February, 2025, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Twenty Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents ($136,020.26), which includes interest from at a rate of 6.75% plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, on the 15th day of May, 2025 at 9:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Valley, County of Allegan and State of Michigan, described as follows: Lot 28 in Alpha Manor, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 39, Allegan County Records. Commonly Known As: 1751 Tom Nolan Rd, Allegan, MI, 49010 Tax ID: 22-100-028-00 This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: March 17, 2025 Orlans Law Group PLLC /s/Sogol I. Plagany Attorney Name Attorneys for Plaintiff File No. 24-005784

(03-20)(04-24)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Laurie A. Maxam, an unmarried woman, whose address is 356 Washinton Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERIFIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION, being a mortgage dated August 31, 2021, and recorded on September 10, 2021 in Liber 4669 Page 478, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated October 2, 2023 and recorded on October 3, 2023 in Liber 4892 Page 57, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 89/100 DOLLARS ($110,911.89). Said premises are situated in the City of Ostego, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT 89, RAVEN'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF OTSEGO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 61, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS. Street Address: 356 Washinton Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: March 20, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6364

(03-20)(04-10)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Theresa Marie Smith aka Theresa M. Smith, a single person. Original Mortgagee: 21st Mortgage Corporation. Date of Mortgage: March 18, 2022. Date of Mortgage Recording: April 20, 2022 in Liber 4752, Page 424, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage encompasses all improvements, including a 1997 Four Seasons 16x80 manufactured home bearing serial number FH102293. Amount claimed due on date of notice: fifty-three thousand one hundred sixty-four and 06/100 Dollars ($53,164.06), including interest. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Lee, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, to wit: Parcel "B" Description: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 58 seconds East 1309.34 feet along the East line of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 220.04 feet along the South line of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 220.02 feet along said South line; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 11 seconds West 654.85 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 24 seconds East 220.23 feet along the North line of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 05 seconds East 654.76 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with a 66 foot wide easement for ingress, egress, and utilities over part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, the centerline of which is described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 58 seconds East 865.36 feet along the East line of said Section to the Point of Beginning of said centerline; thence North 83 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West 2668.37 feet to the Point of Ending of said centerline, Common street address: 5016 Fox Run, Grand Junction, Michigan 49056. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest. Dated: March 21, 2025 21st Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee By: Richard A. Green Law Offices of Richard A. Green 30150 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 924-2354

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Kurt McKenzie to National City Bank dated October 3, 2003 and recorded November 13, 2003 in Liber 2590 at Page 132, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $65,120.94. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: Situated in the County of Allegan, Township of Gun Plain, State of Michigan, to-wit: Beginning at a point 420 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, thence North 125 feet, thence West at right angles 150 feet, thence South at right angles 125 feet, thence East to the place of beginning. Permanent Parcel Number: 03-08-023-009-00 Said property is commonly known as 552 4th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: March 20, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 19-21554

(03-27)(04-17)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): David Flores, married man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation Date of Mortgage: February 22, 2016 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 26, 2016 Amount claimed due on date of notice: $125,531.40 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 10 Meadowview Estates Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2747 on Page 804 and amendments thereto (if any), and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.211, together with rights in common elements as set forth in above Master Deed and as described in act 229 of public acts of 1963 and act 59 of public acts of 1978, and amendments thereto. Common street address (if any): 1895 Edson # 10, Allegan, MI 49010-9249 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: March 27, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515 1556556

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 01, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Lebelle Russ f/k/a Lebelle Fitzpatrick, a married woman and James Russ, her husband Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: November 3, 2020 Recorded on November 10, 2020, Liber 4536, on Page 99, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One and 30/100 Dollars ($110,981.30) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: BEGINNING AT THE EAST QUARTER POST OF SECTION 2, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ON THE EAST AND WEST QUARTER LINE, 285.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO THE EAST SECTION LINE, 210.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 285.00 FEET TO THE EAST SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST ON SAME, 210.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 1106 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1557270

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew W Carpenter, single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Penny-Mac Loan Services LLC Date of Mortgage: August 7, 2019 Date of Mortgage Recording: September 4, 2019 Amount claimed due on date of notice: $130,010.60 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, Valley Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 1315.73 feet along the North line of said Section to the 1/8 post of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 259.46 feet along West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 423.94 feet to the centerline of Allegan Dam Road; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes 19 seconds East 104.77 feet along said centerline, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds East 456.49 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 98.97 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 4040 Allegan Dam Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8932 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: April 3, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515 1557666

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Kendall and Lanora Kendall, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., dated October 31, 2005, and recorded November 10, 2015 in Book 2916, Page 404 in Allegan County records, Michigan, and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on June 11, 2015 in Book 3935, and Page 82 and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely as owner trustee on behalf of Grand Avenue Mortgage Loan Trust 2017-RPL1 by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 24, 2018 in Book 4216, Page 320 and assigned to US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of LB-TIKI Series V Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 27, 2023 in Book 4832, Page 466 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Dwelling Series V Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on July 12, 2023 in Book 4870, Page 659, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty- Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight and 17/100 dollars ($163,158.17). Said premises are situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, State of Michigan: That part of the West 5/8 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 14 West, Overisel Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33, thence proceeding on the North line of Section 33 South 87 degrees 49 minutes 01 second East 295.29 feet; thence on a line parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of Section 33 South 00 degrees 12 minutes 29 seconds East 295.29 feet; thence North 87 degrees 49 minutes 01 second West 295.29 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of Section 33; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 29 seconds West 295.29 feet to the point of beginning. Property Address: 3797 43rd Street Hamilton, MI 49419 Parcel No.: 18-033-003-10 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 3, 2025 For more information, please call: (440) 572-1511 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2405004 - Kendall, James and Lanora

(04-03)(04-24)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Melissa Young (the "Mortgagor") in favor of Big Brother Bail Bonds Agency, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company with an address of 800 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 212, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (the "Mortgagee") dated August 19, 2024, and recorded on September 19, 2024 at Liber 4974, Page 637 of Allegan County Records (the "Mortgage"). The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid as of the date of this Notice is Five Thousand Five Hundred and 0/100 ($5,500.00). This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note as permitted by Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of default. The Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of thereof, at public auction, to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of the sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on, or prior to, the date of said sale. Notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them at a public venue at the place of holding, Allegan County Courthouse Lobby at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 at 9:00 a.m. on May 15, 2025. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage is located in the Township of Valley, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, more specifically described as: LOT 155 ASPEN ACRES SEC 21 T2N R14W. Parcel ID: 22-160-155-00 Commonly Known As: 1777 Grant Drive, Allegan, MI 49010 together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures: all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the property; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the Foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind the sale at any time. In the event of cancellation or rescission, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for any damage to the property during the redemption period. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of the sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale, or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: March 28, 2025 SHAUN P. WILLIS (P62441) WILLIS LAW ATTORNEYS FOR BIG BROTHER BAIL BONDS AGENCY, LLC 491 W. South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 492-1040

(04-03)(04-24)

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Allegan COUNTY SUMMONS Matthew Antkoviak P-59449 Case no 25-70202 cz Plaintiffs name, address, and telephone number William Tolsma 2790 144th Avenue Dorr, Michigan 49323 Plaintiff's attorney bar number, address, and telephone number Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132 314 Trowbridge St., Allegan, MI 49010 269-673-2136 v. Defendant's name, address, and telephone number Marilyn Shuiman and the Marilyn Balfoort Trust 2186 Acadia Greens Dr. Sun City, Florida 33473 Civil Case A civil action between these parties or other parties arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint has been previously filed in Allegan County District Court, where it was given case number 24-2014-LT and assigned to Judge William Baillargeon. The action is no longer pending. Summons NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Issue date: 03-06-2025 Expiration date: 06-04-2025

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN County Bldg. Allegan, MI 49010 FILE NO.: 25-70202-CZ HON. MATTHEW W. ANTKOVIAK WILLIAM TOLSMA, PLAINTIFF, VS. MARILYN SHULMAN and THE MARILYN BALFOORT TRUST, DEFENDANTS, MICHAEL J. BECKER P81132 ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 314 Trowbridge Street Allegan, MI 49010 ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION AND FIRST CLASS MAIL At a session of court held in the courthouse in Allegan County, Michigan, on March 19, 2025 Present: Honorable Matthew W. Antkoviak, Circuit Court Judge Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendants Marilyn Shulman and The Marilyn Balfoort Trust by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A). The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(1), that service of process by delivery by first class mail and publication in Allegan County, Michigan are the best available methods of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. IT IS ORDERED. that Plaintiffs must serve the Defendants by publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan. Further, that Plaintiff must mail a copy of this order, along with a summons and complaint, by first-class mail, to Defendants at their last known address. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449 4-3 4-17

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 48TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN File No.: 25-70130-CZ Hon. Matthew Antkoviak ORCHARD HILLS VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ESTATE AND HEIRS OF HELEN KELLUM (deceased), and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants. Patrick A. Dykstra (P64436) Curtis J. Barense(P83107) Jesson & Dykstra, PLC. 2010 44th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI, 49508 law@vandamjesson.com (616)455-5200 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION " An action seeking an order that Plaintiff is entitled to a new Mobile Home Title from the Michigan Secretary of State, to a certain 1990 Champion Identification Number: 541166C533AB located at 3 E. Apple Ln., Fennville, MI 49408, has been commenced by Plaintiff Orchard Hills Village Mobile Home Park, LLC against the Estate and Heirs of Helen Kellum, and Unknown Owners in the Allegan County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan. Defendants must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication, If Defendants do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered for the relief demanded in the complaint." 4-3 4-17

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Eugene S Allen and Kim K Allen, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: Option One Mortgage Corporation Foreclosing Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2005-HE6 , Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series OOMC 2005-HE6 Date of Mortgage: May 5, 2005 Date of Mortgage Recording: May 16, 2005 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $72,385.53 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Cheshire, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 15 Acres of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 14 West, Cheshire Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Commonly Known as: 391 45th St., Grand Junction, MI 49056 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 04/03/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 320528

(04-03)(04-24)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 05, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): TERRY L CRISMAN JR.. MARRIED MAN. Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 14, 2021 Recorded on July 22, 2021, in Document No. 2021018254, Liber 4648, on Page 839, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three and 60/100 Dollars ($175,283.60) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Beginning on the Section line 990 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 30, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gunplain Township, Allegan County, Michigan, and running thence West 22.5 feet; thence with bearings referred to said Section line as East and West, North 0 degrees 17 minutes East 531.7 feet as place of beginning, thence West 241 feet; thence North 180 feet; thence East 241 feet; thence South 180 feet to the place of beginning. Together with ingress and egress thereto over the present right of way situated along the East boundary line of said premises, being approximately 22-1/2 feet wide East and West. Commonly known as 1161 102nd Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the

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ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 10, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1558437
(04-10)(05-01)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Loren K. Sargent, a married man; Rebecca Sargent, a married woman, whose address is 6463 124th, Fennville, Michigan 49408, as original Mortgagors, to THE CIT GROUP/ CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., being a mortgage dated October 22, 1998, and recorded on December 14, 1998 in Liber 1798 Page 318, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon, the Successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for CIT Home Equity Loan Trust 2002-1, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated October 2, 2020 and recorded on October 13, 2020 in Liber 4522 Page 744, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND FIFTY-SEVEN AND 87/100 DOLLARS ($30,057.87). Said premises are situated in the Township of Saugatuck, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: EAST 1/3 OF THE SOUTH 3/4 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 EXCEPT THE NORTH 1500 FEET THEREOF. SECTON 34, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP. ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN. Street Address: 6463 124th, Fennville, Michigan 49408 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: April 10, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6440
(04-10)(05-01)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
2023-64152-DE
Michael L. Buck
Estate of Richard Anthony Saputo Date of Birth:* May 18, 1949 First, middle, and last name *NOTE TO PREPARER: If a copy of this form is filed with the court, you must redact the date of birth from the copy being filed as required by court rule.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard Anthony Saputo , died October 8, 2022 . Date
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Concetta Gibson , personal representative, or to both the probate court at `113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
04/14/2025
Miller Johnson
Neil J. Marchand P73118
45 Ottawa Ave., SW, Ste. 1100, PO Box 306
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-306
(616) 831-1868
Concetta Gibson
17776 – 89th Place North
Loxahatchee, FL 33470
(561) 253-4577

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on July 3, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by PAUL E COMBS and LINDA L COMBS to American Advisors Group dated February 2, 2016 and recorded February 11, 2016 in Liber 4004 at Page 92, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $95,131.08. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and lying in the Township of Trowbridge County of Allegan and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 10 of Maple Bathing Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 51. BEING the same property conveyed to Paul E. Combs and Linda L. Combs by Warranty Deed from Robert F. Knowlton and Sharon J. Knowlton, dated April 14, 1983 and recorded April 18, 1983 at Book 1032, Page 396. Said property is commonly known as 3061 Baseline Road, Gobles, MI 49055. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: April 11, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-09544
(04-17)(05-08)

ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust
In the matter of the Revocable Living Trust Agreement for Stewart Floyd Wassink and Shirley May Wassink Number 1 established March 2, 2005
Stewart F. Wassink was the surviving grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was September 30, 1937.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stewart F. Wassink, died July 15, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to
Janis Myers, Co-Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Jennifer A. DeYoung P55858
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
616-392-1821
Janis Myers
125 152nd Street
Holland, MI 49424
616-738-1326

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST
In the Matter of: The Barbara Ann Miller Trust dated August 11, 1999
TAKE NOTICE: The Barbara Ann Miller Trust ("The Trust") was established on August 11, 1999. The Settlor, Barbara Ann Miller lived at 3339 Dumont Lake Drive, Allegan, MI 49010. Barbara Ann Miller was born on December 29, 1924 and died on April 5, 2025.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Barbara Ann Miller, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against The Barbara Ann Miller Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Successor Trustee, Mike A. Miller, of 2310 Dumont Lake Road, Allegan, Michigan 49010, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: April 9, 2025
David F. Kiel (P43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
FILE NO. 24-65148-GM
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
In the matter of DI'OR KHAIRE KNIGHT
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:
MARCUS PERKINS
whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on MAY 1, 2025 at 10:30 A.M. at 113 CHESTNUT STREET, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 before Judge JOLENE CLEARWATER, P74848 for the following purpose:
REVIEW MINOR GUARDIANSHIP
04/03/2025
ALLEGAN COUNTY PROBATE COURT
113 CHESTNUT STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
269-673-0250

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Revocable Inter Vivos Trust
Gayleen Rollins Revocable Trust dated October 16, 2003, as amended and restated
TO ALL CREDITORS:*
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Settlor of the trust, Gayleen Rollins, who lived at 301 4th St., Plainwell, MI 49080, died March 10, 2025.
Creditors of the Settlor, Gayleen Rollins, are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Ky B. Calder, the trustee of the trust at 5762 East Greenlake Way North, Seattle, WA 98103 within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.
04/08/2025
KREIS, ENDERLE, HUDGINS & BORSOS, P.C.
By: Kay E. Kossen P56627
One West Michigan Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017
269-966-3000
Ky B.Calder
5762 East Greenlake Way North
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Heidi Sue Smit, an unmarried woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union
Date of Mortgage: February 10, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 15, 2023
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $93,589.08
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Holland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 176, Central Village Condominium No. 4, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1166, Page 205, Allegan County Records, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 31, and Amendments thereto, in any, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.
Common street address (if any): 46 Old Mill Dr Unit 20, Holland, MI 49423-7704
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 17, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Karen J. Allen, a single woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
Date of Mortgage: November 2, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 8, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $142,811.59
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the center of Section 18, Town 2 North, Range 13 West; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 24 seconds East on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 841.84 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 24 seconds East on said 1/4 line 241.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds West 1243.82 feet to the centerline of Babylon Road; thence North 79 degrees 30 minutes 04 seconds West on said centerline 245.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds East 1199.21 feet to the place of beginning. Township of Allegan, County of Allegan.
Common street address (if any): 3459 Babylon Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-9220
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 23-64382-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Doris M. Anderson Date of Birth:*01/03/1937
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Doris M. Anderson, died 08/12/2022.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cheryl Anderson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
07/12/2023
Martin H. Neumann P32465
2040 Aurelius Rd., Ste. 21
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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: KAEDANCE JOYANNE JOHNSTON has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on MAY 13, 2025 AT 10:45 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTHOUSE before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater, to change the name of: KAEDANCE JOYANNE JOHNSTON to KAIRER LILLIAN SANGL

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Allegan COUNTY
SUMMONS
Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
CASE NUMBER 25-70126-CH
Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone number
Lona Sliter and Fred Sliter
Plaintiff's attorney bar number, address, and telephone number
Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132
314 Trowbridge St.
Allegan, M1 45010
269-673-2136
v
Defendant's name, address, and telephone number
JUAN TREVINO, ALICIA TREVINO, JOSE ALFARO SR., JOSE ALFARO JR, CANDELARIO TREVINO; and each of their unknown Hiers, Devisees and Assigns.
Civil Case
There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint.
SUMMONS
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:
1. You are being sued.
2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
4, If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arraingments
Issue Date: 2/18/25
Expiration date: 05/19/25

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN COUNTY BUILDING,
ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 25-70126-CH
HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK
LONA SLITER and FRED SLITER
Plaintiffs
Vs
JUAN TREVINO, ALICIA TREVINO, JOSE ALFARO SR., JOSE ALFARO JR., CANDELARIO TREVINO; and each of their unknown Hiers, Devisees and Assigns
Defendants
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
At a session of court held in the courthouse in Allegan County, Michigan, on 3/25, 2025
Present: Honorable Matthew Antkoviak
Circuit Court Judge
Plaintiffs filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the verified motion, the court finds that Plaintiffs have shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendants by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A), in that Plaintiffs have demonstrated diligent attempts to locate Defendants. The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(I), that service of process by publication is the best available method of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs must serve the Defendants by publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan.
Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael E Northern and Deborah M. Matheson, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): SERVBANK, SB
Date of Mortgage: July 23, 2018
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 30, 2018
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $246,350.99
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 7, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, thence South 86 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds West along the South line of Section 7, 910.64 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 86 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds West along the South line of Section 7, 413.00 feet to the East 1/4 1/4 line of Section 7; thence North 02 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West along the East 1/4 1/4 of Section 7, 1321.47 feet to the South 1/4 1/4 of Section 7; thence North 86 degrees 25 minutes 50 seconds East along the South 1/4 1/4 of Section 7, 2.64 feet to the Southerly line of Consumers Energy, thence South 57 degrees 37 minutes 48 seconds East along said ROW line, 503.19 feet; thence South 02 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East parallel to the East 1/4 of Section 7, 1026.45 feet to the South line of Section 7 and the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 1041 108th Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080-9524
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Sherry Harrison, a married woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: November 25, 2015 Recorded on December 16, 2015, Liber 3989, on Page 85, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Nine Thousand Eighty and 18/100 Dollars ($59,080.18) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lots 168, 169 and 170 of Hardendorf`s Addition, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 420 S Grant St, Otsego, MI 49078 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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RELIGION SECTION

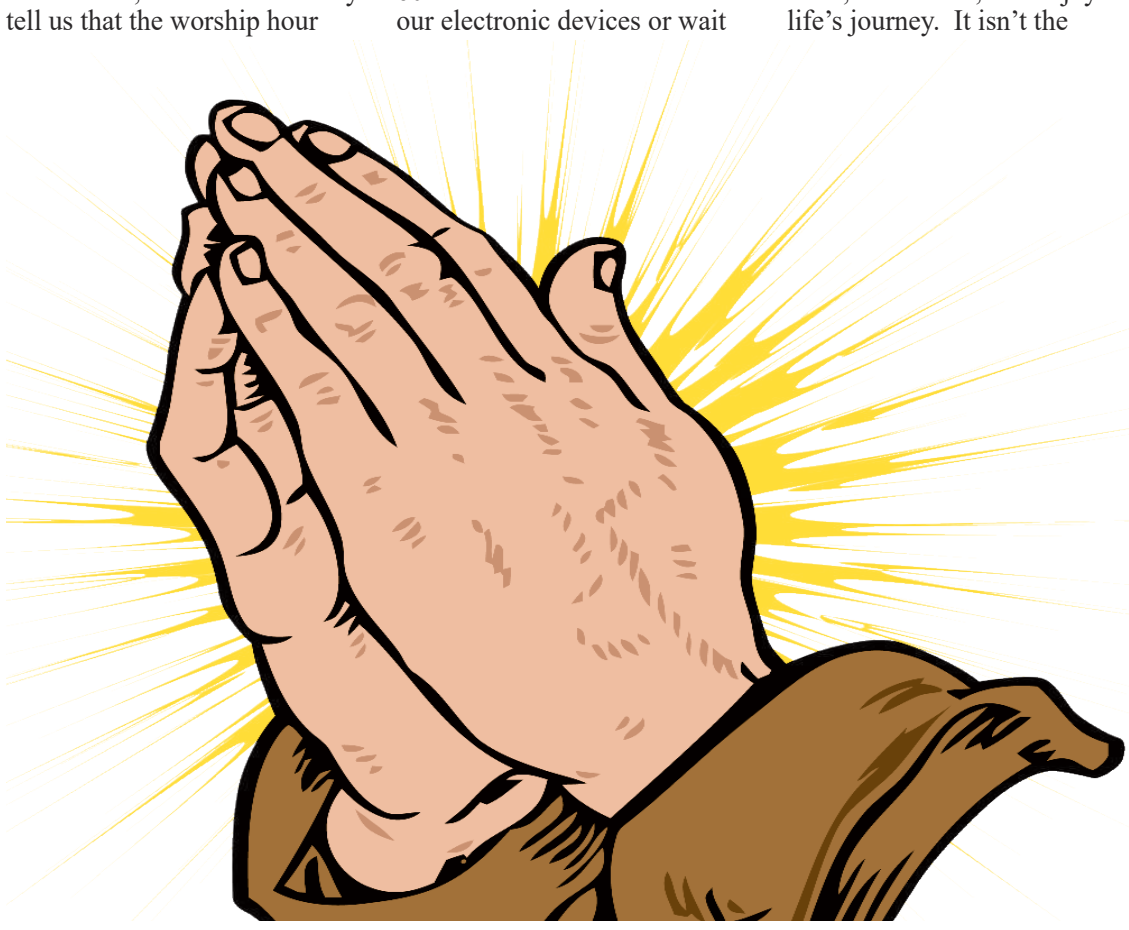
Opening day of Major League Baseball began last week. Fans of the Tigers are hopeful that their team will win the World Series this year; Cubs fans are already moaning, "Wait until next year." There is always something very special about opening day. My late friend George had tickets for Wrigley Field for opening day and never missed being there in person. When he was still a long way from the final stages of cancer he commented, "Baseball gives you hope."

Do you realize, aside from curling and golf, baseball is one of the few sports that does not have a clock moving things along. Of all the others, such as basketball, hockey, lacrosse, football, only baseball is blissfully unconcerned about the length of the game. Indeed, we almost consider it a bonus if a game is tied at the end of the ninth inning and goes into extra innings. Keep that phrase in mind - extra innings, not overtime. That says it all.

We seem to be ruled by our clocks. Remember how, as children, we counted the seconds until the final bell of the school day rang? Or as adults, we watched the clock at work to see how much time remains before we could punch out. My father, a notoriously patient man, would look at his watch on Sundays as the final chords of the postlude faded away. With either smug satisfaction or irritation, he would solemnly tell us that the worship hour was short, right-on time, or "Dr. Mettam was long winded - again."

That was half a century ago; today we are more aware of time as we rush through 60 seconds of news stories on our electronic devices or wait for the three minutes of Late Breaking News!!!!! at the top of the hour on our radio.

Baseball, with its leisurely approach to life, reminds us of a great spiritual truth - breathe, relax, settle back, and enjoy life's journey. It isn't the person with the most money when the die who wins; it is the person who has the most good experiences in life and recognizes that they are all gifts from God. All those are the practical side of what we read in the Gospels, and especially in the Sermon on the Mount.



There are other life lessons for us: physics, not luck or coincidences, are important. Even more important is honest, good sportsmanship, and an appreciation for tradition. We learn about perseverance and self-discipline in real life in such a way that we understand what St Paul meant when he wrote about running the good race in our spiritual life.

We learn about forgiveness when we realize that the best professional players can earn millions of dollars for being wrong more than 70% of the time. A player gets up and starts again, and that is a parallel to God's forgiveness.

Go watch a few games this summer and see how many more spiritual lessons you can find in baseball.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd,
Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
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Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

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Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

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Paster Ray Brown

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Fr. Simon Manjooran
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Bloomingdale Bible Church
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
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Ofc. 269-427-2101

Bravo Community Church
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
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269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

Chicora Country Chapel
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Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

Christ Community Church
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Pastor Wally Coots

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687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

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Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
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Corner Bible Church
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1632 142nd Avenue
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616-359-9013
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Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
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www.fpcallegan.org
Pastor Sheri Harris
10:30 service time.

First Baptist Church
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Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
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247 E Allegan St., Otsego
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1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
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First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
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Pastor Lenny Luchetti

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303 East Bridge St.
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Pastor Nicole Smith
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Pastor Everett Belue
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Reverend Dan Minor
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694-6104

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269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
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www.alleganchurch.com

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Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

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672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

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Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

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269-664-4345
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716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
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1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

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355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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